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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In his 5th State of the Nation Address, President Duterte lauded the successful staging of the 30th Southeast Asian Games in December 2019 as well as the remarkable performance of Filipino athletes during the said event. Our athletes hauled 149 gold, 117 silver, and 121 bronze medals enabling the country to win the overall championship in the biennial meet.

The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) was created 3 decades ago by virtue of Republic Act No. 6847 to serve as the lead agency who shall oversee, reform, and jumpstart the state of Philippine sports. With their lead, the country was able to improve our performance in international sporting events and competitions elevating the names of weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, gymnast Carlos Yulo, skateboarder Margielyn Didal, and boxer Eumir Marcial into modern Filipino sports heroes. This despite the meager share in the national budget that the PSC receives from our government.

This proposed measure seeks to empower the PSC to be more responsive and proactive by amending its function and enable them to formulate and implement a multi-year infrastructure plan to establish new sports facilities and maintain and develop existing ones in order to suit the constantly evolving needs of our Filipino athletes. This would also ensure that young Filipinos will have access to facilities that are at par with standards so that they may hone their skills in preparation of the greater call in the future.

It is hoped that thru this measure, sports would once again become an integral component of youth development, a galvanizing force for national unity, and a constant source of national pride.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6847 otherwise known as the "The Philippine Sports Commission Act", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Nature of the Commission. – The Commission shall exercise corporate powers. It shall have a seal, may sue and be sued, and shall be the sole-policy making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines: *Provided*, That in the case of school sports development program, the same shall be formulated and implemented by the ~~[Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)]~~ **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)** ~~[with the assistance of the Commission within the framework of the national sports development program]~~ **FOR BASIC EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE COMMISSION.**"

SEC. 2. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Objectives of the Commission. – The objectives of the Commission are:

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"(b) To encourage wide participation of all sectors, government and private, in amateur sports promotion and development; ~~[and]~~"

"(c) To supplement government appropriations for sports promotion and development~~[.]~~; **AND**"

"(D) TO PROMOTE GRASSROOTS AND AMATEUR SPORTS IN THE COUNTRY BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SPORTS FACILITIES AND VENUES."

1 **SEC. 3.** Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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3 “Sec. 7. Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall have the
4 following functions:

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6 “(a) Plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports
7 promotion and development program for the country~~[-including the~~
8 ~~program for the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-2000,~~
9 ~~pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 406,]~~ in coordination with
10 various sectors involved in sports, including, among others, the
11 Philippine Olympic Committee, the National Sports Associations, the
12 public and private schools, government corporations and entities, the
13 local governments, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other
14 sports organizations and private corporations;”

15 XXX XXX XXX
16 “(d) **FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A MULTI-YEAR**
17 **INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN WHICH WILL** [E]establish **NEW,**
18 **ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, AND** fully-equipped sports facilities,
19 **SPORTS COMPLEXES** and **SPORT** centers in strategic places in the
20 country ~~[and, as far as practicable, such modern sports complexes]~~
21 adequate for major international competitions **AND DEVELOP AND**
22 **MAINTAIN EXISTING SPORTS FACILITIES, SPORTS COMPLEXES**
23 **AND SPORTS CENTERS OWNED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT,**
24 **PROVIDED, THAT THE ABOVEMENTIONED PLAN SHALL BE**
25 **FORMULATED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF**
26 **THIS ACT;**”

27 XXX XXX XXX
28 “(j) Recommend and propose to the ~~[Department of Education, Culture~~
29 ~~and Sports]~~ **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,** Department of Local
30 Government and other government agencies and instrumentalities
31 having sports programs, to incorporate in their respective annual
32 budgets, a separate and specific budget for sports promotion and
33 development;”

34 XXX XXX XXX
35 “(m) Encourage, promote and sustain the creation and establishment
36 of regional, provincial, municipal and barangay or school district sports
37 promotion and development councils, composed of officials of the
38 ~~[Department of Education, Culture and Sports,]~~ **DEPARTMENT OF**
39 **EDUCATION,** Department of Local Government, local government
40 officials, and representatives of the private sector, which shall initiate,
41 conduct and coordinate sports activities in their respective
42 jurisdictions; and”

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44 **SEC. 4.** Section 26 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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46 “Sec. 26. Funding. – In order to provide the necessary funds required
47 for the organizational and initial calendar year of operational
48 expenditures of the Commission, the amount of Twenty-five million
49 pesos (P25,000,000.00) from the National Treasury is hereby

1 appropriated: *Provided*, That operating expenses for the Commission
2 itself shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the annual
3 appropriation and that at least eighty percent (80%) of said annual
4 appropriation and all of the national sports development funds, as
5 hereinafter provided, shall be disbursed for the national sports
6 program, particularly in support of the identification, recruitment and
7 training of athletes in pre-regional, regional, national and international
8 competitions[~~including the implementation of the Decade of Physical~~
9 ~~Fitness and Sports: 1990–2000~~].

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11 “To finance the country’s integrated sports development program,
12 including the holding of the national games and all other sports
13 competitions at all levels throughout the country as well as the
14 country’s participation at international sports competitions, such as,
15 but not limited to, the Olympic, Asian, and Southeast Asian Games, and
16 all other international competitions, sanctioned by the International
17 Olympic Committee and the International Federations, thirty percent
18 (30%) representing the charity fund of the proceeds of six (6)
19 sweepstakes or lottery draws per annum, taxes on horse races during
20 special holidays, five percent (5%) of the gross income of the Philippine
21 Amusement and Gaming Corporation, the proceeds from the sale of
22 stamps as hereinafter provided, and three percent (3%) of all taxes
23 collected on imported athletic equipment shall be automatically
24 remitted directly to the Commission and are hereby constituted as the
25 National Sports Development Fund. Further, the Philippine Postal
26 Service Office is hereby authorized to print paper and gold stamps
27 which shall depict sports events and such other motif as the Philippine
28 Postal Service Office may decide, at the expense of the Commission. Any
29 deficiency in the financial requirements of the Commission for its
30 sports development program **AS WELL AS FOR THE**
31 **IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MULTI-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE**
32 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS STATED UNDER SECTION 3(D) OF THIS**
33 **ACT** shall be [eovered] **AUGMENTED** by an annual appropriation
34 passed by Congress.”
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36 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
37 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
38 force and effect.
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40 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and
41 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
42 or modified accordingly
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44 **SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
45 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved,