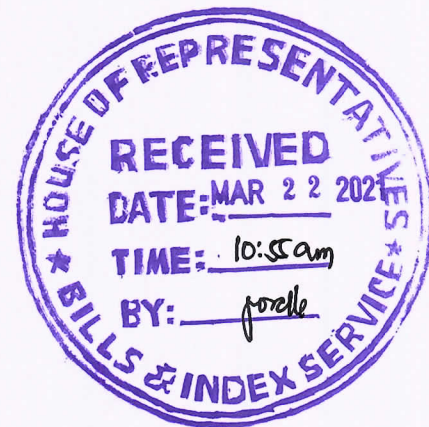


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House Bill No. 9062



Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
2nd District, Ilocos Norte

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOCOS NORTE SPORTS
INSTITUTE AND RESEARCH (INSPIRE) IN THE PROVINCE OF
ILOCOS NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports programs facilitated the enhancement of leadership skills and the promotion of moral, physical, mental, and social well-being of our youth. It is through sports programs and activities that they learn the value of sportsmanship and teamwork. No less than our Constitution prioritizes and recognizes the importance of sports in national development.

Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides:

*The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and **sports** to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.*

Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution reads:

The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

It is in this regard that the National Academy of Sports (NAS) System was established. NAS intends to develop athletic skills and talents of students and provide excellent training ground to produce world-class athletes.

To ensure equitable sports development in the country, NAS provided for policies for the organization of future regional nationally-funded high school for sports, and extension campuses or branches of the NAS system for existing locally funded high school for sports.

Hence, this bill.

This bill seeks to establish a sports academy in the Province Ilocos Norte to be known as Ilocos Norte Sports Institute and Research (INSPIRE), which shall be constituted as an exclusive educational facility for special program for sports, sports tract, and primary and indigenous sports development and training center as well as a research center for sports medicine and nutrition for athletes.

Through INSPIRE, the Ilocano youth shall have an enhanced secondary education program with a curriculum specially designed for student-athletes. The health and nutrition of athletes are also given primary importance as this sports academy includes a research center devoted to sports medicine and nutrition of athletes. These programs will therefore provide a holistic quality education and allow our student-athletes to excel in sports, compete in local and international sports competitions, and eventually pursue their chosen career or profession. Finally, student-athletes will gain access to world class sports facilities which are at par with international standards.

In view of the foregoing and to empower and support the young athletes of Ilocos Norte, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Province of Ilocos Norte a sports academy to be known as Ilocos Norte Sports Institute and Research (INSPIRE), which shall be constituted as an exclusive educational facility for special program for sports, sports tract, and primary and indigenous sports development and training center as well as a research center for sports medicine and nutrition for athletes.

SECTION 2. The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created INSPIRE.

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Ilocos Norte Sports Institute and Research shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte and such funds as may be granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President.

The Ilocos Norte Sports Development Office (INSDO) shall oversee the management, operation and upkeep of provincial sports facilities and other venues related to INSPIRE.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of INSPIRE, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte shall provide an allocation from the Special Education Fund and shall create a Sports Development Fund from the grants, donation, sponsorships and endowment obtained from local and foreign sources intended for sports development program.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,