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Introduced by HON. WILTON "TONTON" T. KHO

AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE MASBATE SPORTS ACADEMY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIMASALANG, PROVINCE OF MASBATE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

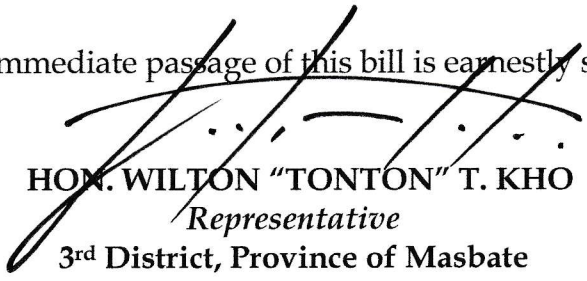
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Sec. 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, it is a policy of the State to 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.

To give life to this constitutional policy, the author aims to enact a measure that will promote athleticism among the youth sector in the entire province of Masbate and previously filed this bill as House Bill No. 10720 in the Eighteenth (18th) Congress which was approved on third reading and transmitted to the Senate. But for lack of material time, this bill was not passed into a law, prompting the undersigned to re-file this bill.

In fine, this bill seeks to establish the Masbate Sports Academy which will serve as the primary sports development and training center for the entire Province of Masbate and its neighboring towns, strengthening sports culture among the youth, and become the focal point where sports training is rolled out as a holistic program. The creation of the Masbate Sports Academy will enhance the skills of Masbateño athletes to prepare them for world-class competition. In addition, the Masbate Sports Academy will also train coaches and instructors to ensure the continuity of top-notch athletes who will contribute to our nations success in the field of sports.

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


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “*Masbate Sports Academy Act*”.

SEC. 2. It is the declared policy of the State to promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose skills in the field of sports shall be encouraged and honed through education and specialized training programs. To this end, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education and training to advance the athletic talents and skills among the youth and promote the growth and development of young athletes nationwide.

SEC. 3. There shall be established in the Municipality of Dimasalang, Province of Masbate, a sports academy to be known as the Masbate Sports Academy, which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the whole Province of Masbate and the neighboring towns thereat.

SEC. 4. The Province of Masbate, 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 sports academy and training center.

The Provincial Government of Masbate in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the

1 facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and
2 purposes of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 5.** The construction, establishment, and operation of the Masbate Sports
5 Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Masbate and such funds
6 as may be granted by the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and
7 endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports
8 development.

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10 **SEC. 6.** The Masbate Sports Academy shall exercise the following powers and
11 functions:

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13 (a) Formulate and implement policies, plans, and programs that shall promote the
14 development and harness the potential of advance the athletic talents and skills
15 among the youth and promote the growth and development of young athletes
16 in the Province of Masbate and the neighboring towns thereat;
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18 (b) Provide an integrated curriculum framework in order to optimize the potential
19 of its students;
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21 (c) Establish sports programs and school facilities;
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23 (d) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances with local and international sports
24 organizations and educational training institutions to enhance the
25 competitiveness of its students and personnel;
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27 (e) Develop plans and programs that shall enhance the career advancement
28 opportunities of school personnel;
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30 (f) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation of
31 sports programs of the school; and
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33 (g) Perform such other functions as may be required to implement the objectives
34 of this Act.

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36 **SEC. 7.** The Masbate Sports Academy shall be headed by an Executive Director who
37 shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the academy.

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39 The Executive Director shall be assisted by an Assistant Director for Internal Affairs
40 and an Assistant Director for External Affairs.

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42 **SEC. 8.** The Masbate Sports Academy may create sectoral and industry task forces,
43 technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its
44 objectives.

1 The members of the sectoral and industry task forces may come from the agencies of
2 the national government, government-owned and-controlled corporations, local
3 government units, the academe, civil society organizations, sports organizations, and
4 sports-related industrial organizations. The manner of selection of such members
5 shall be provided under the rules and regulations to be formulated to implement the
6 provisions of this Act.

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8 **SEC. 9.** The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be
9 included in the DepEd budget in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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11 **SEC. 10.** Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
12 Education shall, in consultation with the Chairperson of the PSC, the Provincial
13 Government of Masbate, the Municipal Government of Dimasalang, and other
14 concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations
15 implementing the provisions of this Act.

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17 **SEC. 11.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other
18 provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

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20 **SEC. 12.** All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or
21 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
22 accordingly.

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24 **SEC. 13.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
25 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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27 *Approved,*