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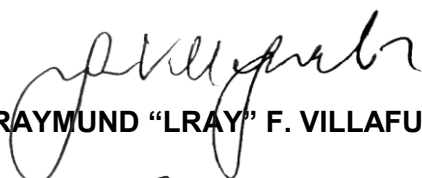
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the past major sport events, our athletes have shown stellar performances that brought recognition and pride to our country including the gold medal bagged by Hidilyn Diaz in 2021 Olympics. Despite this, our athletes continue to experience challenges in honing their skills and expertise both local and in abroad. Even the Palace has admitted that state support for athletes is inadequate. This dilemma has forced athletes to seek sponsorship from the private sector.

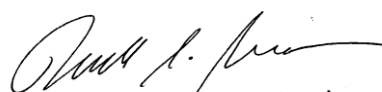
Given this situation, this bill seeks to amend Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699, also known as the “National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act” to further expand the coverage of incentives granted to our national athletes and their coaches. This is in line with the Section 19 (1) of the 1987 Constitution declaring that 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.

To compensate their hard work, lessen the worries of our athletes to their daily necessities, and give focus and time on their respective sports, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
FURTHER EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO
NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699 OR THE "NATIONAL
ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT."

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699 otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8. *Cash Incentives for Athletes* — National athletes and other athletes who are not officially or currently members of the national training pool but who have otherwise represented the country in international sports competition, who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash incentives in the following amounts:

a. Individual Events

1. For Gold Medalists:

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v. [~~Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00)~~] **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P600, 000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. ~~[Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00)]~~ **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00)** for SEA Games; and

vii. ~~[One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)]~~ **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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2. For Silver Medalists:

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v. ~~[Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00)]~~ **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P350,000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competition held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. ~~[One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)]~~ **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00)** for SEA Games; and

vii. ~~[Seventy five thousand pesos (P75,000.00)]~~ **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P125,000.00)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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3. For Bronze Medalists:

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v. [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)] **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating and qualifying competition for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. ~~[Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00)]~~ **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)** for SEA Games; and

vii. ~~[Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00)]~~ **FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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SECTION 2. *Separability clause.* — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved,