

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **2257**



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE FRANZ S. PUMAREN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Before the end of the Second Quarter of 2022, the government started breaking ground for the construction of the Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC) in Bagac, Bataan. Created by virtue of *Republic Act No. 11214*, the PSTC seeks "to promote and develop sports in the country, achieve excellence in international sports competitions, ensure success in the country's quest to achieve competitiveness in the Olympic Games, and promote international amity among nations."

Every Filipino knows that phenomenal athletes such as Hidilyn Diaz, Carlos Yulo, EJ Obiena, Yuka Saso, Alex Eala, and many others have collectively solidified the spot of the Philippines among the top-performing countries in the world of competitive sports. And the timely establishment of the PSTC is a testament to the state's dedication to bolstering the country's ability to hone the skills and talents of Filipino athletes.

In a similar light, this proposed measure aims to institutionalize the formulation of sustainability plans for all future and existing government-funded sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure in support of Filipino athletes and the initiative of the government to raise the country's competitiveness in sports. In the same way the state supports our talented athletes, the government must also be responsible for funding the construction, renovation, and maintenance of all sports facilities, venues, and sports-related infrastructure. The preservation of these sports facilities and infrastructure is of utmost priority to avoid these big-ticket projects from suffering the same fate as those abandoned sports complexes in former host countries of the Olympics that were brought low by years of neglect.

Within the scope of this bill are all sports facilities, including but not limited to stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers and complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools,

convention centers, media centers, and athletes villages, which are government-funded. The contents of these plans shall include but are not limited to the following: (1) plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed; (2) regular maintenance, upkeep, repair, and renovation; (3) income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, upkeep, repair and renovation of the sports facility; (4) installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices; (5) water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, use of grey water, etc.; (6) waste management, recycling and composting facilities; (7) use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power; among others.

The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) will be tasked to ensure and monitor compliance with the required sustainability plans for all government-funded sports facilities to keep up with global standards and boost the development of Filipino athletes.

Given the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN
GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS FACILITIES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Sustainable Sports Facilities Act of 2022”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to aid and prioritize arts, culture, and sports to promote patriotism and nationalism. It is also a recognized policy of the State to encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions.

Towards this end, the State shall institutionalize sustainability, which shall include the construction, improvement, and maintenance of all government-funded sports facilities, to be at par with global standards and to aid the development of our Filipino athletes.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. "Government-funded sports facilities" – shall refer to all sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure, including but not limited to stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers, and complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools, convention centers, media centers, and athletes' villages, which are funded and maintained by the government.
- b. "Operators" – shall refer to the government agencies and private entities that operate the sports facilities as exemplified in Section 3 Sub-section a of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Sustainability Plans for all Sports Facilities.* – It is hereby mandated that operators of all future and existing government-funded sports facilities shall formulate a sustainability plan for said facilities.

The sustainability plans shall be submitted to and monitored by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC). In pursuance of the fulfillment of this mandate, the PSC is hereby empowered to tap and coordinate other relevant government agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Games and Amusements Board (GAB), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); and non-government organizations such as the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the various National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the country.

The contents of the sustainability plans shall include the following:

- a. Plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed;
- b. Regular maintenance, upkeep, repair, and renovation;
- c. Income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, upkeep, repair, and renovation of the sports facility;
- d. Installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices;
- e. Water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, use of grey water, etc.;
- f. Waste management, recycling, and composting facilities;
- g. Use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power, if any;

h. All other necessary and essential information determined by the PSC.

The sustainability plan shall be revised at least once every five (5) years, or as often as necessary, upon the discretion of the PSC, considering the condition of the sports facility.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for implementing this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, the PSC shall, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, other issuances, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publications in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,