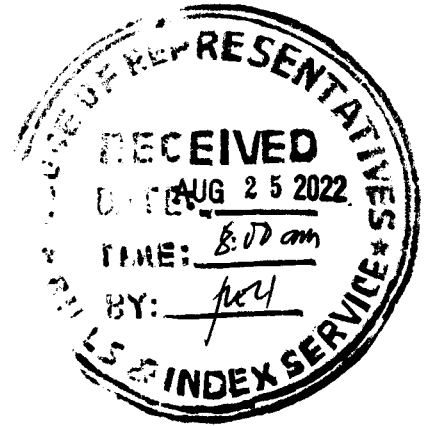


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Introduce by Rep. Margarita Ignacia B. Nograles, PBA Party List

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Competing in the Olympics is every Filipino athlete's dream and winning it is a harder feat.

And that dream came into a reality when our first-ever gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz bagged the women's 55-kilogram category to defeat the world record holder Chinese national Liao Quiyung by 1 kg.

However, contrary to the common notion that our country has registered only one gold in the Olympics, it should be noted that Filipino ten-pin bowling player Arianne Cerdefia-Valdez also won gold in bowling in the 1988 Olympics held in Seoul, South Korea, despite that bowling has been categorized as an exhibition sport. Filipino Olympian Cerdefia-Valdez made her last bowl in SEA games in 2001 and won gold after which she moved to the United States and has been working at California Hospital Medical Centers since then.

Likewise, and must be enshrined, to name a few are Nesthy Petencio and Carlo Paalam who both won Silver in Boxing during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics; Teofilo Yldefonso ticked the clock for bronze in swimming in both the 1928 Amsterdam and 1932 Los Angeles Olympics.

Despite the honor and feat, after winning their respective medals and giving honor to our country, comes the agony of defeat.

When Filipino Olympian boxer Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco scored silver in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, he was only awarded the Congressional Certificate of Recognition in this chamber, 25 years after. Several entities even promised to give the Filipino boxer cash incentives amounting to 2.5 Million Pesos, only to find out those promises have been broken. Also, his children were denied the Philippine Navy Scholarship.

Last August 10, 2022, Asia's Sprint Queen Lydia De Vega lost after competing with stage 4 cancer. According to her daughter Stephany, the family requested for financial support for her mother's medical expenses.

Because of these predicaments, this bill will accord significant retirement privileges, incentives, and other benefits not only to those who won medals but also to those who participated and helped put our Filipino Olympians on the podium and gave honor to our country.

In view of the foregoing, the enactment of this bill into law is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE, RETIREMENT, DEATH BENEFITS, AND OTHER PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO OLYMPIANS, NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES, AND, TRAINERS AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.10699 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT OF AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10699, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC 3. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows”:

(a) Athletes with disabilities or **DIFFERENTLY - ABLED ATHLETES** shall refer to persons with disabilities as defined under Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise Known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons”. As amended, who are Filipino citizens recognized and accredited by the Philippines Sports Commission (PSC) and the National Paralympic Committee of the Philippines (NPC PHIL), who have represented the country in international sports competitions;

(b) . XXX

(1.) Regular major competitions such as the Summer Olympic Games, Winter Olympic Games, Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, Youth Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Asian Para Games, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Asian Beach Games and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Para games **INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORLD, ASIAN, ASEAN / SOUTHEAST ASIAN AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION WHICH**

ARE SANCTIONED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (ISFs), INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC), INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC), FAR EAST & SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED (FESPIC), INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF SPORT FOR THE DISABLED (IOSD), HELD EVERY FOUR (4) OR TWO (2) YEARS, OR HELD ANNUALLY, INCLUDING QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TEAM SPORTS WHEREIN ONLY ONE (1) OR TWO (2) COUNTRY MAY QUALIFY FOR THE OLYMPICS OR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS;

- (2) XXX
- (3) XXX
- (4) XXX

- (c) National Athletes shall refer to athletes including Persons with Disabilities or **DIFFERENTLY - ABLED ATHLETES, OLYMPIANS** who are Filipino citizen members of the national training pool, recognized and accredited by the PSC Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), including athletes with disabilities (AWD) who are recognized and accredited by the NPC PHIL and the PSC and who have represented the country in international sports competitions; and
- (d) National coaches **AND TRAINERS** shall refer to coaches of national athletes, who are Filipino citizens, members of the national coaches training pool, recognized and accredited by the PSC and the POC, or the PSC and NPC PHIL in the case of AWD coaches who have represented the country as official coaches to national athletes in international sports competitions.
- (e) **OLYMPIANS SHALL REFER TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BESTOWED THE TITLE BY THE WORLD OLYMPIANS' ASSOCIATION.**
- (f) **FILIPINO OLYMPIANS SHALL REFER TO ATHLETES WHO ARE FILIPINO CITIZENS, AS DEFINED BY THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, THAT, HAVE COMPETED AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES EITHER IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS OR SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRY.**
- (g) **RETIRED FILIPINO OLYMPIAN (RFO) SHALL REFER TO A FILIPINO OLYMPIAN WHO IS NO LONGER OR WHO IS NOT A NATIONAL ATHLETE AS DEFINED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699 AND WHO HAS CEASED PARTICIPATING AND NO LONGER INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION UNDER R.A. 10699. IT SHALL NOT INCLUDE THOSE WHO HAVE DECIDED TO CHANGE THEIR SPORT, WHO SHALL BE CONSIDERED RETIRED ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE CEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LATTER DURING THE EITHER**

THE WINTER OR SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES AND IN ANY DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10699, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC 4. Benefits and Privileges for **FILIPINO OLYMPIANS, RFO, National Athletes and Coaches, AND TRAINERS** - Any **FILIPINO OLYMPIANS**, national athlete, **COACHES, AND TRAINERS** as defined herein and who are currently registered as such, shall be entitled to the following”:

- (a) XXX
- (b) XXX
- (c) XXX
- (d) XXX
- (e) XXX
- (f) XXX
- (g) XXX
- (h) XXX

- (i) **FILIPINO OLYMPIANS, RFO, NATIONAL ATHLETES, AND NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, COACHES, AND TRAINERS REGARDLESS OF AGE, SHALL BE COVERED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION PROVIDED BY THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC), THROUGH A SPECIAL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC), WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE REQUIRED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PREMIUM COUNTERPART TO BE DIRECTLY REMITTED TO THE PHIC. UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY (50), THE FILIPINO OLYMPIAN, RFO, NATIONAL ATHLETES, AND NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES AND COACHES SHALL BE AN HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO EXISTING PHIC RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE BENEFITS AFFORDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS.**

IN CASE OF HOSPITALIZATION OF THE FILIPINO OLYMPIANS, RFO, NATIONAL ATHLETES, AND NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, COACHES, AND TRAINERS IN ANY HOSPITAL OR CLINIC, ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE PHIC BENEFIT SHALL BE SHOULDERS BY THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) UNDER ITS INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IMAP); PROVIDED, THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFICATION AND GRANT OF THE HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE TO BE EXTENDED BY THE PCSO SHALL BE MADE CONSISTENT WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE COMPLIANCE WITH PCSO'S EXISTING RULES AND

GUIDELINES; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO WAIVE THE BENEFITS MENTIONED UNDER THIS SECTION.

ANY FILIPINO OLYMPIAN, RFO, NATIONAL ATHLETES, AND NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, COACHES, AND TRAINERS SHALL BE TREATED, FREE OF CHARGE, IN ANY GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED-AND CONTROLLED OR GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITY, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO CERTAIN CHARGES FOR MEDICINES, ETC. THAT MAY APPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THESE FACILITIES.

SECTION 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10699, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec 5. Scholarship Benefits for national athletes –A **FILIPINO OLYMPIAN, RFO** or a National Athlete, who wins a regular major international sports competition, **AND, HIS/HER SPOUSE AND CHILDREN WHETHER LEGITIMATE OR ILLEGITIMATE AND/OR ADOPTED CHILDREN,** shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of full tuition fees from the state colleges or universities for a college or university degree. The winning athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college or university scholarship grants.

SECTION 4. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10699, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC .6. Retirement Benefits for **OLYMPIANS, RFO,** National Athletes and Coaches - Any **RFO, OLYMPIAN,** national athlete, and coach who wins in an international competition or has coached such winning **OLYMPIAN, RFO,** and national athlete shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his/her active sports career as a member of the national training pool or national coaches training pool up to the last day of retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be released sixty (60) days from the filing of the retirement papers.

IN ADDITION, THE OLYMPIAN, RFO, NATIONAL ATHLETES, AND NATIONAL ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY OR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED ATHLETES, COACHES, AND TRAINERS SHALL, UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY (50), SHALL RECEIVE A NON-TRANSFERRABLE LIFETIME MONTHLY PENSION OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 50,000.00).

SECTION 5. The benefits provided under section 4 of this act shall apply to those who have not yet reached sixty (60) years old and registered as such before the PSC and/or NPC PHIL shall be entitled to the grant of the following for the actual and exclusive use or enjoyment of any RFO, National Athletes, and National Athletes with Disability or Differently-Abled Athletes, Coaches and Trainers, also athletes that are forced to retire due to injuries or have health issues shall be included at the time of effectively of this law.

SECTION 6. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10699, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 7. Death Benefits. – Upon the death of any OLYMPIAN, RFO, national athlete, and coach, the primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) to cover the funeral services: Provided, that if the OLYMPIAN, RFO, national athlete, and coach has no primary beneficiaries, the secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.

For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate spouse, legitimate or illegitimate, OR ADOPTED child/children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the parents and, in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete and coach.

The benefits provided under this section shall be without prejudice to other similar benefits that may be received by the national athlete and coach from other sources.

SECTION 7. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10699, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 9. Cash Incentives for Coaches AND TRAINERS. — Coaches, AND TRAINERS of OLYMPIANS, RFO, and national athletes shall also be entitled to cash incentives if they have personally trained and rendered service to the OLYMPIANS, RFO, athletes, or teams who win in international competitions for at least six (6) months prior to the international competition. Certification to this effect by the individual athlete or team captain for team events shall be in writing, duly attested by their respective national sports associations (NSAs).

SECTION 8. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10699, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 12. Funding. — The amount necessary for the implementation of the cash incentives, retirement, AND DEATH benefits under this Act shall be taken from the net cash income of the PAGCOR, AND IN REVENUE COLLECTION FROM OFF-TRACK BETTING AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS OF THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENT BOARD to be remitted directly as a special account to the National

Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the PSC. This is in addition to the regular income share of the PSC pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847.

Provided, that any additional funding requirement necessary to implement the increase of cash incentives, retirement AND DEATH benefits of this Act shall be sourced from the fifty percent (50%) national government shares in the gaming revenue of PAGCOR under Presidential Decree No. 1869, as amended.

A separate fund equivalent to not less than sixty percent (60%) of the existing NSDF shall be automatically set aside for the training and preparation of national athletes covered by this Act.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and at least one newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,