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ASSISTING YOUTH ATHLETES BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES
FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Art. II, Sec. 17 of the 1987 Constitution declares that "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." To this end, there is a need to provide adequate assistance to develop youth athletes in compliance with our state policy.

This bill seeks to promote the participation of the youth in sports programs, with the goal of harnessing its positive effects on their development. To do this, the proposed bill seeks to provide support for the creation and development of local sports program and encourage participation.

Thus, the passage of this bill is highly sought.

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “Youth Athletes Assistance Act.”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – Pursuant to the State policy enshrined in Art. II, Sec. 17 of the 1987 Constitution, it shall be the policy of the State to adopt such measures as would promote and encourage the youth to participate in sports programs and improve their implementation.

Section 3. Creation of a Youth Sports Program Fund. – A fund shall be created to strengthen grassroots sports programs which is to be administered by the Philippine Sports Commission. Such fund shall:

- a) Assist young athletes who can at least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club;
- b) Support local sports and recreation organizations with funding for projects that create opportunities for more young athletes to become members;
- c) Improve sports facilities to assist local sports and recreation organizations with facility development so that the youth can be encouraged to become involved in sport or recreation activity of their choice.

Section 4. Appropriations. — An amount shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) annually to be

allocated for the funding of this Act, subject to the implementing rules and regulations to be adopted.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Philippine Sports Commission along with the Department of Education and the Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with other relevant government agencies and upon consultation with relevant stakeholders such as the various national sports associations, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 6. Separability Clause. - Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions and provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,