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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. **10322**

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**Introduced by Representative  
MICHAEL L. ROMERO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**Article XIV section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution**, states 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 nation.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs in sports has been a big concern not only of the Philippines but all international sports governing bodies.

They have enacted measures to ensure that athletes stay clean, and competition is fair. However, there are still instances when athletes have been found to have used performance-enhancing drugs or have taken banned substances whether knowingly or not.

This is why we need an organization that will work towards combating and preventing doping in all international and national level sports; testing for prohibited substances and methods, and penalizing violations. This will ensure the country's full participation in all international competitions.

This House bill seeks to guarantee the advancing of the country's sports and development policies and programs towards increased share and opportunity of each Filipino in socioeconomic progress, the enhancement of our forces and policies.

Furthermore, this House bill seeks to attain a better quality of life for all Filipinos through management and maintenance of sports level resources and the environment.

This house bill seeks to empower the Philippine Sports Commission **(PSC)** to establish a comprehensive **National anti-doping Program.**

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Romero', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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**AN ACT**  
**EMPOWERING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC)**  
**EXPANDING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, STRENGTHENING**  
**ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE**  
**NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM, TO FOSTER THE**  
**DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPORTS-**  
**RELATED PLANS, POLICIES AND PROJECTS IN THE**  
**PURSUANT OF ITS MANDATE, REFORMS AND GUIDELINES**  
**AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 "  
**Philippine Sports Commission anti-doping Act of 2024** ".

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It shall hereby be a declared of the policy of the State to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry through a unified national sports promotion and development program, and that the establishment and creation of a single, unified and integrated national sports policy-making body shall further this objective.

The State shall recognize that the **anti-doping** problem is a principal element in long-range planning if the government is to achieve their socio-economic goals and fulfill the aspirations of their people.

The **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall be the entity designated as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement **anti-doping** rules in the Philippines, direct the collection of, manage test results as well as the conduct of hearings at the national level, and implement designed anti-doping education programs, and undertake social research relevant to anti-doping efforts.

The state shall hereby be a declared policy of the state to elevate our capacity to preserve and protect its athletes.

It shall carry on its mandate to formulate and adopt coherent, integrated and comprehensive long-term plans, programs and recommendations on sports as it relates to economic and social development consistent with and implementing the development policy.

The state shall strengthen institutional capacities to formulate, coordinate and implement integrated population and development strategies, policies, and programs based on socioeconomic and demographic data, information and knowledge.

It shall hereby provide the necessary support to fund and establish the immediate **anti-doping** development strategies.

The State shall spearhead the application of modern techniques and technology to ensure the preservation and development of its athletes. Thus, to ensure the well-being of the entire nation.

**SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM** — There shall hereby be established a comprehensive **anti-doping** program.

Existing structures, facilities and equipment's that would meet the standard requirements could be upgraded to effectively serve and be designated as such in compliance with rules and regulations set by the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)**.

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS** - The **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** seeks the following acts committed by athletes, athlete

support personnel, sports federations, or sports organizations as anti-doping violations:

- presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete's bodily specimen;
- use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or method;
- refusal or failure, without compelling justification, to submit to sample collection after notification as authorized in terms of applicable anti-doping rules or otherwise evading sample collection
- violation of applicable requirements regarding athlete availability for out-of-competition testing, including failure to provide required whereabouts information and missed tests which are declared based on reasonable rules;
- tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of doping control;
- possession of prohibited substances and methods;
- trafficking in any prohibited substance or method;
- administration or attempted administration of a prohibited substance or method to any athlete, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up, or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any attempted violation; and
- violation of any provision of this Act, prevailing **Anti-Doping** Rules, the Code, and Convention, and their amendments.

## **SECTION 5. SCOPE**

**Any** athlete, athlete support personnel, NSA, sports association/organization/club found to have committed anti-doping violations, will be punished in terms of the applicable provisions according to prevailing Rules, including but not limited to:

- disqualification wherein the results in a particular competition or event are invalidated, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of medals, points, and prizes;
- ineligibility, meaning barred for a specified period of time (temporary or perpetual) from participating in any competition or other activity, withholding of financial support and access to sporting facilities;
- provisional suspension or barred temporarily from participating in any competition before a final decision, and
- fine amounting to not less than one million pesos (**P1,000,000.00**).

## **SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

The **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall have the following additional mandates:

- promote participation in sport, free from doping to protect the health and well-being of competitors and the rights of all persons who take part in sport;
- set procedure for adopting testing methods, establishment of registered testing pools, sample collection, accreditation of testing laboratories, standards to be maintained by testing laboratories based on the Code of International Standards for testing laboratories, among others;
- set procedure for analysis of samples, and results management;
- specify anti-doping rules applicable and consequences of anti doping rule violation, as well as procedures applicable in relation to negative analytical findings and adverse analytical findings and principles governing provisional suspension of an athlete;
- set procedures for re-entry of a banned athlete;
- set procedures for providing access to independent observers;
- set procedures in relation to in-competition testing and out-of-competition testing of athletes;
- create awareness to discourage the practice of doping in sport among the public and the sporting community in particular;
- use **World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)** accredited laboratories for analysis of samples and other required specimens;
- carry out investigations in matters of doping in sports;
- provide information to athletes, athlete support personnel on the procedures for, and developments concerning the collection and testing of samples following the code and any standards developed by WADA;
- maintain the whereabouts register and a registered testing pool in accordance with the code;
- prosecute anti-doping offenses, among others.

**Equally**, the proposed measure does not require the consent of any person or authority for the conduct of any investigation or imposition of any administrative sanctions.

**SECTION 7. SUPERVISING AND ASSESSMENT CONCERNS.** — the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall provide the necessary technical and financial assistance to ensure the effective operations and integration.

**SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY.** — the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)**.

**SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** — Within ninety **(90)** days from the effectivity of this Act, the **Philippine Sports**

**Commission (PSC)** shall, in consultation with other concerned government and private agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

**SECTION 10. TRANSITORY PROVISION** – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the **IRR** or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

**SECTION 11. PROGRESS REPORT** – The Chairman of the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the **Anti-doping Programs** which shall be submitted, to the Office of the **President** and to the Chairpersons of the Committee on Economic Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**SECTION 12. INCREASE OF PERSONNEL.** – The **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall maintain a sufficient staffing pattern. Hence, it is authorized to increase its manpower to meet such required and may continue to increase personnel per percentage rate increase of committed mandates annually or as the need arises.

**SECTION 13. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION** – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of three **(3)** years:

*Provided,* that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

*Provided, further,* That the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall continue to develop, modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

**SECTION 14. PERIODIC REPORTS** - The Chairman of the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by both Congress

and Senate and the appropriate departments, in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

**SECTION 15. AUTOMATIC REVIEW** - Every three **(3)** years after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the **President** of the Republic shall review the policies and programs in the defense and security sector and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

**SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** — If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE.** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,