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Introduced by Representative Wilton "Tonton" T. Kho

AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE MASBATE SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF DIMASALANG, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sec. 17, Article II of the Constitution makes it a policy of the State to 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 give life to this constitutional policy, this representation aims to enact a measure that will promote athleticism among the youth sector in the entire province of Masbate.

This bill seeks to establish the Masbate Sports Academy which will serve as the primary sports development and training center for the entire Province of Masbate. It is hoped that this Academy will have the effect of strengthening sports culture among the youth, and become the focal point where sports training is rolled out as a holistic program.

In addition to the enhancement of athletic skills and the training for coaches and instructors, the Masbate Sports Academy aims to be an avenue for the youth to inculcate unto themselves the values of discipline, hard work, and national pride. It is seen as a tool to prevent youth crime and drug use.

This bill has successfully passed the Third Reading in the 18th Congress and has been transmitted to the Senate. I fervently hope that in this current Congress, this crucial legislation will be enacted into law with the support of my esteemed colleagues. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilton T. Kho".

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “*Masbate Sports Academy Act*”.

SEC. 2. It is the declared policy of the State to promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose skills in the field of sports shall be encouraged and honed through education and specialized training programs. To this end, the state shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education and training to advance the athletic talents and skills among the youth and promote the growth and development of young athletes nationwide.

SEC. 3. There shall be established in the Municipality of Dimasalang, Province of Masbate, a sports academy to be known as the Masbate Sports Academy, which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the whole Province of Masbate and the neighboring towns thereat.

SEC. 4. The Province of Masbate, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve, and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center.

The Provincial Government of Masbate in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SEC. 5. The construction, establishment, and operation of the Masbate Sports Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Masbate and such funds as may be granted by the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SEC. 6. The Masbate Sports Academy shall exercise the following powers and functions:

(a) Formulate and implement policies, plans, and programs that shall promote the development and harness the potential of advance the athletic talents and skills among the youth and promote the growth and development of young athletes in the Province of Masbate and the neighboring towns thereat;

- (b) Provide an integrated curriculum framework in order to optimize the potential of its students;
- (c) Establish sports programs and school facilities;
- (d) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances with local and international sports organizations and educational training institutions to enhance the competitiveness of its students and personnel;
- (e) Develop plans and programs that shall enhance the career advancement opportunities of school personnel;
- (f) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation of sports programs of the school; and
- (g) Perform such other functions as may be required to implement the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 7. The Masbate Sports Academy shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the academy.

The Executive Director shall be assisted by an Assistant Director for Internal Affairs and an Assistant Director for External Affairs.

SEC. 8. The Masbate Sports Academy may create sectoral and industry task forces, technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its objectives.

The members of the sectoral and industry task forces may come from the agencies of the national government, government-owned and-controlled corporations, local government units, the academe, civil society organizations, sports organizations, and sports-related industrial organizations. The manner of selection of such members shall be provided under the rules and regulations to be formulated to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the DepEd budget in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 10. Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall, in consultation with the Chairperson of the PSC, the Provincial Government of Masbate, the Municipal Government of Dimasalang, and other concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 11. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 12. All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly,

SEC. 13. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,