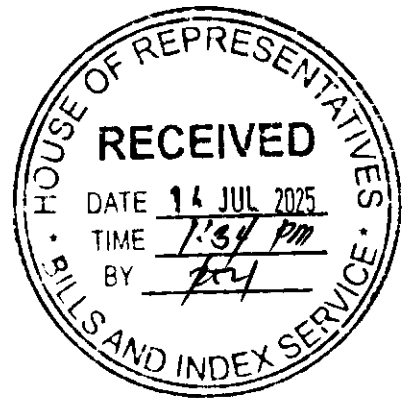




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HOUSE BILL NO. 1849



Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a sports complex in the Capital City of Maasin Province of Southern Leyte to be known as the Southern Leyte Sports Academy that shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for athletes, coaches and other sports personnel in Southern Leyte and the neighboring town thereat.

The proposed location shall be identified by the City Government of Maasin City, Southern Leyte or by the Philippine Sports Commission as they may see it fit and proper.

It is envisioned in this bill that the Philippine Sports Commission will take a strong role in supporting and guiding the Provincial Government of Southern Leyte in establishing the academy as well as promoting its programs and assisting technically in its operations.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN LEYTE SPORTS ACADEMY AND
TRAINING CENTER IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF MAASIN, PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the capital City of Maasin, Province of Southern Leyte, a sports academy and training center to be known as the "Southern Leyte Sports Academy and Training Center", which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the whole province of Southern Leyte and the neighboring towns as well.

SECTION 2. The Provincial Government of Southern Leyte and the City Government of Maasin, 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 sports academy and training center.

The Provincial Government of Southern Leyte and the City Government of Maasin, in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs, appropriate tournaments and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purpose of this Act.

SECTION 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Southern Leyte Sports Academy and Training Center shall be funded by the provincial government of Southern Leyte and the City Government of Maasin, and such funds as may be granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments intended for sports development may be obtained from local or foreign sources.

SECTION 4. The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Provincial Government of Southern Leyte, The City of Maasin, and other concerned stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED,