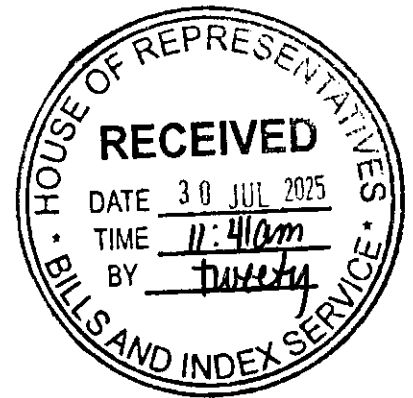




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the most important task for a coach is to inspire their students to achieve success in their careers. As Bill Gates put it, "Everyone needs a coach. It doesn't matter whether you're a basketball player, a tennis player, a gymnast, or a bridge player."

However, in order to succeed, the coach must be effective. Thus, to ensure the quality and competency of sports coaches across the country, we need to establish a governing body that will ensure the high level of competency of coaching in the Philippines while at the same time ensuring the safety of our athletes.

This bill seeks to promote a safe sporting environment and effective coaching across different sports associations, coaching bodies, educational institutions, and government agencies; ensure the availability of qualified and competent sports coaches; and establish a national and multi-sport accreditation system for the practice of coaching in the Philippines.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SPORTS COACHING ACCREDITATION
PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as “*Sports Coaching Act*”.

2 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – The State recognizes the important role of sports
3 coaches in discovering, shaping, training and maximizing the potentials of amateur and
4 professional athletes and in contributing to the overall development of sports in the
5 country. For this purpose, it shall establish an accreditation program for sports coaches
6 and shall maintain a roster of accredited sports coaches to develop competent
7 and qualified sports coaches, promote safe sporting environment, and provide career
8 opportunities for coaches.

9 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

10 (a) *Board* refers to the National Sports Coaching Accreditation (NSCA) Board
11 created under Section 10 of this Act;

12 (b) *Coach* refers to the person who plans, prepares, teaches, supervises, and delivers
13 sports training, by applying demonstrable skills and knowledge
14 for competitions, recreational or health activities, or sports lessons in a safe manner;
15 and

16 (c) *Coaching* refers to the process that provides guidance, training, educational
17 support, and technical direction of sports practitioners to empower athletes or
18 participants in the field of sports to achieve their goals in their chosen sport or
19 physical activity.

1 **SEC. 4. Objectives.** - The objectives of this Act are the following:

- 2 (a) To promote a safe sporting environment and effective coaching across different
3 sports associations, coaching bodies, educational institutions, and government
4 agencies;
- 5 (b) To ensure the availability of qualified and competent sports coaches; and
- 6 (c) To establish a national and multi-sport accreditation system for the practice of
7 coaching in the Philippines.

8 **SEC. 5. Scope of Practice.** - The practice of sports coaching shall include any
9 person who has been granted a certificate of coaching accreditation either by
10 completing coursework or through the process of recognizing prior experience
11 pursuant to Section 6 of this Act, and shall engage in sports coaching in clubs, gyms,
12 school sports programs, and competitions, collegiate sports leagues and tournaments,
13 sports associations, national and international sports, amateur and professional sports
14 competitions, including paralympic sports.

15 **SEC. 6. National Sports Coaching Accreditation Program.** - The Philippine
16 Sports Commission (PSC), the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), the Department of
17 Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the National Sports
18 Associations (NSAs), organized for their respective sports in the Philippines and
19 affiliated with their respective international federations and recognized as such by the
20 International Olympic Committee and the PSC, and other members of the NSCA Board
21 created under Section 10 of this Act, are hereby tasked to establish the NSCA program
22 to develop competent and qualified professional coaches in the community, clubs, high-
23 performance sports, and para-sports, to enhance coaches' education, training and
24 development skills, and to provide opportunities for career advancement for all coaches.

25 The NSCA program shall be delivered through online modules, facilitated learning
26 courses, and a mixture of classroom-based and practical assessments that may come in
27 the form of assignments, demonstrations, or examinations.

28 A coaching accreditation shall be acquired by completing coursework or through the
29 recognition of prior learning process:

- 30 (a) Coach Education Framework is designed to grant coach accreditation either
31 through earning an undergraduate or graduate degree program in Physical
32 Education, Sport Science, Human Movement Science, Exercise and Sports
33 Science, or any other related sports degree, or through the completion of short
34 courses, workshops, and assessments which shall be composed of theoretical,
35 sports science and sport-specific technical program components, covering
36 multi-dimensional skills in the area of physiology and strength conditioning,
37 general principles of coaching, training methodologies, techniques, sport
38 strategies, evidence-based practices, social values and principles, among
39 others: *Provided*, That completion of the undergraduate degree under the
40 Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP)

1 shall likewise be recognized; or

- 2 (b) Recognition of Prior Experience is granted to coaches who can successfully
3 demonstrate that they have met the required competencies through extensive
4 experience in coaching at various levels of sports despite having limited formal
5 education.

6 *Provided*, That a Certificate of Coach Accreditation shall be valid for five (5) years,
7 during which all coaches shall undergo sports first aid, health, and safety training every
8 five (5) years as part of the mandatory continuing sport coaching education as provided
9 under Section 14 of this Act.

10 Upon satisfaction of all the requirements, and completion of the coach education
11 framework, satisfactory performance in the assessment, or recognition of prior
12 experience, as the case may be, a Certificate of Accreditation shall be issued to the
13 coach, including a digital accreditation card showing therein the level of
14 accreditation attained by the same.

15 **SEC. 7. Levels of Accreditation of Sports Coaches.** - Coaches accreditation
16 either through coursework or recognition of prior learning or experience shall have four (4)
17 levels, namely:

- 18 (a) Developmental Coach Accreditation is considered the entry-level or Level 1
19 accreditation, applicable for athletes transitioning to coaching, assistant
20 coaches, primary school teachers, or for those who provide coaching services to
21 gyms, sporting schools programs, and recreational sports with the primary
22 objective of developing the trainees' fundamental movement skills;
- 23 (b) Youth Coach Accreditation is considered Level 2 accreditation, applicable for
24 coaches who provide structured practices designed to improve performances
25 and prepare athletes for local and regional level sports competitions.
26 Coaches with Level 2 accreditation shall be allowed to offer coaching services
27 to sports clubs, secondary schools, and sports associations;
- 28 (c) Performance Coach Accreditation is the third level of accreditation, applicable for
29 coaches with the primary objective of preparing athletes for performances at
30 national and international sports competitions; and
- 31 (d) Elite Coach Accreditation is the fourth and highest level of coaches'
32 accreditation, applicable for coaches working with elite and professional athletes
33 competing in major international sports competitions. Coaches with Level IV
34 accreditation prepare elite and professional athletes for successful performances
35 at international sports competitions and implement best-practice coaching
36 principles.

37 Coaches who, upon the effectivity of this Act, have been training elite athletes may
38 be given the fourth level or the Elite Coach Accreditation.

1 **SEC. 8. Recognition of Coaching Certificates and Diplomas Issued by NSAs.-**

2 To harmonize existing standards, regulations, and accreditations scheme of various
3 NSAs, the PSC, and the POC, shall provide a system to recognize coaching certificates,
4 diplomas, and other modes of accreditations adopted by concerned NSAs and their
5 respective international federations: *Provided*, That the continuing coach education
6 program administered by the NSAs shall likewise be recognized if the same is certified
7 by their respective international federations or has satisfied the prescribed learning
8 courses as mandated under Section 14 of this Act.

9 **SEC. 9. Qualifications of Applicants.** - Any person applying for the NSCA shall
10 meet the following eligibility requirements:

11 (a) Filipino Citizen;

12 (b) At least eighteen (18) years old or older;

13 (c) Must have met the minimum educational requirements or relevant
14 experience prescribed by the PSC and concerned NSA: *Provided*, That applicants
15 for the elite coach accreditation must at least be a college degree holder or have
16 completed the ETEEAP;

17 (d) Must be physically fit and cleared by licensed medical professionals for drugs,
18 psychological, and neuro-psychiatric tests;

19 (e) Has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude; and

20 (f) Other qualifications as may be determined by the Board pursuant to Section 10 of
21 this Act.

22 **SEC. 10. Creation and Composition of the National Sports Coaching**
23 **Accreditation Board.** - To ensure the attainment of the purposes and objectives of this
24 Act, there is hereby created the NSCA Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which
25 shall be under the supervision and administrative control of the PSC, and shall be
26 composed of the following:

27 (a) Chairperson: Chairperson of the PSC;

28 (b) Vice Chairperson: President of the POC;

29 (c) Members:

30 i. Chairperson of the Games and Amusement Board;

31 ii. Undersecretary of the DepEd, in charge of the *Palarong Pambansa*;

32 iii. Chairperson of the CHED;

33 iv. President of the Philippine Paralympic Committee; and

34 v. Regular Members of the NSAs as determined by the Board.

1 The members of the Board shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel and other
2 actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members
3 thereof, subject to pertinent laws, rules, and regulations. The Board shall be organized not
4 later than six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

5 **SEC. 11. Powers and Duties of the Board.** - The Board shall exercise the
6 following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

- 7 (a) To adopt an official seal of the Board;
- 8 (b) To prescribe and adopt the rules and regulations necessary for carrying out the
9 provisions of this Act;
- 10 (c) To determine the members of NSAs that shall form part of the Board;
- 11 (d) To supervise the registration, accreditation, and establish a national database for
12 sports coaches in the Philippines;
- 13 (e) To determine the qualifications of applicants and prescribe the criteria for
14 recognition of prior experience as well as the promotion of accreditation of sport
15 coaches;
- 16 (f) To determine the appropriate accreditation and reaccreditation fees;
- 17 (g) To issue, suspend, revoke, or reinstate the Certificate of Accreditation for the
18 practice of the sports coaching;
- 19 (h) To prescribe guidelines for the Mandatory Continuing Sport Coaching
20 Education, in consultation with the POC and the different NSAs;
- 21 (i) The Board may, *motu proprio*, make such investigation as it deems necessary to
22 determine whether any person has violated any provision of this Act, rules or
23 regulations, duly promulgated by the Board; and
- 24 (j) exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as well as those which
25 may be implied from, or which are necessary or incidental to the carrying out
26 of the express powers granted to the Board to achieve the objectives and purposes
27 of this Act.

28 **SEC. 12. Training Modules.** - The Board created under Section 10 of this Act, in
29 consultation with concerned NSAs, shall design and approve training modules and
30 deliver the components of accreditation courses for coaches' education. They shall also
31 provide a set of criteria for the recognition of coaches' prior experience and shall conduct
32 a periodic evaluation on coaches' education programs to keep abreast of best coaching
33 practices.

34 Coaches, however, may pursue additional training or education necessary to
35 upgrade their skills or complete certain requirements as prescribed by their respective

1 sports associations or federations.

2 **SEC. 13. Roster of Accredited Sports Coaches.** - The PSC and the POC shall
3 maintain a roster of accredited coaches or a national database showing the names of
4 accredited sports coaches as well as the level of accreditation obtained. The official list
5 of accredited coaches shall be made accessible through the official websites or online
6 publications of the PSC and POC.

7 **SEC. 14. Mandatory Continuing Sport Coaching Education.** - To ensure that
8 sports coaches shall be abreast with the latest sports skills and methods, general
9 safety and injury prevention, physical conditioning, effective motivational techniques,
10 updates and development as regards to their field of expertise and other related fields, all
11 accredited sports coaches in the Philippines shall undergo a Mandatory Continuing Sport
12 Coaching Education every five (5) years to maintain their accreditation status, to
13 encourage coaches to pursue a higher level of accreditation, and to further their
14 professional development.

15 The Mandatory Continuing Sport Coaching Education depending on the coaches' level
16 of accreditations shall be a combination of workshops, symposia, practical exams or
17 exercises, and other related trainings which shall be determined by the respective NSAs
18 and approved as such by the Board.

19 **SEC. 15. Suspension from the Practice of Coaching Profession, and**
20 **Revocation of the Certificate of Registration.** - The Board shall have the power,
21 upon due notice and hearing, to suspend or revoke the sport coaching certificate of
22 accreditation for any of the causes which may involve any unprofessional or unethical
23 conduct, and violation of any of the provisions of this Act, and its implementing rules
24 and regulations.

25 **SEC. 16. Accreditation of Foreign Coaches.** -The Board, upon recommendation of
26 concerned NSAs, may approve the accreditation of foreign coaches: *Provided*, That the
27 NSA, upon the certification of the PSC, shall certify as to the necessity of
28 accrediting such coaches, including a justification that their competence and skills are not
29 locally available or proven to be incomparable with their local counterparts.

30 The Board shall provide guidelines and mechanisms to ensure that the new
31 knowledge and training methods introduced by foreign coaches shall be passed on to the
32 local coaches: *Provided*, That items (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Section 9 hereof shall also be
33 satisfied by foreign coaches applying for said accreditation.

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35 **SEC. 17. Penal Provision.** - Any person who refuses to perform his/her duty,
36 commits any misrepresentation or violates any provision of this Act, shall be punished with
37 imprisonment of one (1) year and/or a fine not exceeding One hundred thousand pesos
38 (P 100,000.00).

39 Any government employee who refuses to perform his/her duty to carry out the

1 objective of this Act shall be punished with imprisonment of two (2) years and/or a fine not
2 exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00).

3 **SEC. 18. Annual Report.** - The Board shall submit an annual report to the PSC
4 after the close of each year giving a detailed account of its proceedings during the
5 year and making such recommendations as it may deem proper.

6 **SEC. 19. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of
7 this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the departments and
8 agencies concerned. Thereafter, such amount shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act.

10 **SEC. 20. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days upon the
11 effectivity of this Act, the members of the Board shall convene to appoint the NSAs that
12 shall form part of the Board pursuant to Section 10 of this Act, such appointments shall
13 require the concurrence of a simple majority of the agencies represented in the same
14 Board.

15 Immediately upon the appointment of the NSAs in Section 10, the members of the
16 Board shall be organized to formulate the rules and regulations for the effective
17 implementation of the provision of this Act.

18 **SEC. 21. Separability Clause.** - If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or
19 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
20 effect.

21 **SEC. 22. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees,
22 rules, and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are
23 deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

24 **SEC. 23. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

26 *Approved,*