

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2898



Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Quezon City Velodrome is already non-operational. Our athletes cannot conduct practices there. It is also believed that it would be more feasible to have a new velodrome constructed than renovating the Quezon City Velodrome. Further, the local government of Quezon City has shown interest in the development of the land where the Quezon City Velodrome is situated. The local government of Quezon City intends to use the same land for public purposes. Hence, a bill proposing for the return of the Quezon City Velodrome to the local government of Quezon City is hereby proposed.

Principles of good governance likewise calls for the proper usage of government properties. To highlight, the applicable law requires that public officials must be committed to the proper and efficient use of government property, to wit: "***All government resources and powers of their respective offices must be employed and used efficiently, effectively, honestly, and economically, particularly to avoid wastage in public funds and revenues***" [Section 4(a), R.A. No. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, *Emphasis supplied*]. The return of the Quezon City Velodrome to the local government of Quezon City is well-within the known and accepted principles of good governance.

It should also be stressed that the Philippine Olympic Committee and Members of this House of Representatives are already exerting efforts for the establishment of a new cycling facility that will be world-class. This new sports infrastructure shall serve as the hub for our national athletes in cycling, as well as, other enthusiasts of the sport.

In two consecutive Summer Olympics, the Philippines was able to win gold medals. The effort and dedication of our athletes, coaches, and sports leaders are evident in ensuring that the country will be able to showcase its greatness to the rest of the world. The wisdom and intention of the bill herein is another step to help our athletes, particularly our cyclists, continue the winning ways of the Philippines in the world stage.

For the Filipino people, approval of the bill is earnestly being sought.

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**"AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT AND FULL CONTROL
OF THE QUEZON CITY VELODROME FROM THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS
COMMISSION TO THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847 OR
THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 6847, otherwise known as the "Philippine Sports Commission Act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. Sports Facilities. The administration and full control of all existing sports facilities, including land, buildings and equipment, owned by the national government as well as those owned by government-funded foundations, associations and entities except liabilities, shall be transferred to the Commission: Provided, That the sports facilities owned by the local government units, state colleges and universities, or public schools shall remain with the said institutions or entities. In particular, the management and full control of all the land, buildings, equipment and other improvements thereon of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex shall be transferred to the Commission upon the effectivity of this Act."

SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts hereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,