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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2899



Introduced by
Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Approved and signed into law back in 2019, Republic Act No. 11214 seeks to finally concretize the Constitutional mandate in Section 19, Article XIV, which 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 and alert citizenry."* R.A. No. 11214 realizes this Constitutional mandate thru the creation of the Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC).

The PSTC is a state-of-the-art and highly scientific sports complex. R.A. No. 11214 mandates a period for the construction of the PSTC, to wit: *"After a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary sports facilities and amenities, which are at par with international standards, shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months in a location suitable and conducive to high-level training of athletes, coaches and referees."* However, more than three years have passed and the PSTC has not been constructed.

During the 30th Southeast Asian Games held here in the Philippines, the entire world was witness to the world-class sports facility – the New Clark City Sports Complex. In several meetings of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development of the House of Representatives, athletes and sports leaders were in unison in stating that the New Clark City Sports Complex can be used as the PSTC. However, there is a restrictive provision in R.A. No. 11214 that will not allow the use of the New Clark City Sports Complex for the PSTC.

R.A. No. 11214 already gives the PSC the power for the operation and management of the PSTC. The amendment proposed in this bill seeks to strengthen such power by allowing the PSC to use existing facilities for the PSTC. The PSC will be empowered to enter into an agreement for the use of existing facilities for the implementation and realization of the provisions stated in R.A. 11214 and the Constitution.

The proposed law herein will allow Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to use the New Clark City Sports Complex for purposes of the PSTC. As it is, the New Clark City Sports Complex is already a state-of-the-art facility and capable of being highly scientific sports center. It would be greatly prudent for the government to consider using the already constructed and existing New Clark City Sports Complex as the PSTC.

For Filipino athletes, Philippine sports, and the entire country, approval of the bill herein is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, THE
AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTIES BY OTHER MODES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11214,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINES SPORTS TRAINING CENTER
ACT"**

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

Section 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11214, otherwise known as the "Philippine Sports Training Center Act", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 7. Operation of the Philippine Sports Training Center. – The operation of the PSTC and the ownership of sports facilities and amenities are hereby vested with the PSC.

The title of the land OR USE THEREOF THROUGH USUFRUCT over which the PSTC is established shall be transferred to the PSC in accordance with law, either by grant, donation, or payment of onerous or gratuitous title."

Section 2. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,