

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3530

Introduced by REP. FAUSTINO 'BOJIE' G. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Athletics, and the whole-hearted support for Filipino athletes, hold a revered place in the 1987 Constitution. It sets as policy that “The State shall give priority to ... sports to **foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development**”. (*Sec. 17, Art. II, 1987 Constitution.*) It likewise mandates 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.**” (*Sec. 19, Art. XIV, 1987 Constitution.*)

In line with this, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Cauayan passed a Resolution¹ requesting the assistance of the national government to help realize the Cauayaños’ collective hope for the establishment of a sports center in the city. The Resolution sought to further improve the city’s sports facilities and to provide better training grounds for the city’s athletic youth, providing that:

“... it is essential to extend the City Government’s commitment to our existing athletes and other potential athletes, by giving them proper equipment, better venue for training and appropriate and suitable training program that will further improve and enhance their skills;”

¹ Entitled *A Resolution Strongly Supporting the Establishment of a Regional Sports Academy in the City of Cauayan, Isabela and Calling Upon All National and Local Agencies for the Speedy Realization of Such Project* (Resolution No. 2021-030, 23 March 2021)

In addition to the athletic and civic benefits, establishing a sports training center in Cauayan City will also help spur additional economic activity in the area. This will be very helpful as the local economy recovers from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indeed, sports are vital to a healthy democracy and economy.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE CAUAYAN CITY SPORTS TRAINING CENTER TO
BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CAUAYAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA 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 City of Cauayan, a sports training center to be known as the "Cauayan City Sports Training Center" to be located in the Cauayan City Sports Complex in Barangay Tagaran, which shall be constituted as the primary sports training center for the City of Cauayan and the neighboring towns thereat.

SECTION 2. The City Government of Cauayan, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports training center.

The City Government of Cauayan, 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 purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Cauayan City Sports Training Center shall be funded by the City Government of Cauayan 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.

SECTION 4. The Chairman of the PSC shall immediately include in the Commission's program the necessary funding requirements of the Cauayan City Sports Training Center.

SECTION 5. The PSC, in coordination with the City Government of Cauayan and the Provincial Government of Isabela, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,