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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4452



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 19 of the Philippine Constitution expressly mandates that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports including training for international competition to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence, for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

Corollary to this constitutional mandate, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) has been entrusted with powers and responsibilities in relation to the National Sports Associations (NSAs), which include:

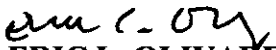
- a. Conferring, extending, and granting awards, benefits, and privileges to athletes, coaches, and officials for outstanding performances in national and international competitions; and
- b. Providing financial and other forms of support or assistance to sports associations that are in good standing with the Commission.

To further institutionalize this support, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act," which strengthened and institutionalized support for our national athletes, coaches, and trainers by providing them with incentives, allowances, and other benefits. This landmark law has played a vital role in uplifting Philippine sports and motivating our athletes to excel in international competitions.

Despite the enactment of this law however, the evolving needs of our national sports community still demand a more responsive and comprehensive system of support. As the Philippines continues to produce world-class athletes who bring honor and glory to the nation, these athletes and coaches face financial challenges, inadequate allowances and insufficient long-term benefits. They deserve greater recognition and more sustainable assistance from the State to further motivate and inspire them. As our national athletes and coaches continue to bring honor and pride to the country, their unwavering dedication merits a responsive, equitable, and sustainable system of support.

This proposed measure as a counterpart to Senate Bill No. 713, therefore seeks to further expand the incentives and allowances granted to national athletes and coaches by amending Republic Act No. 10699. By enhancing the benefits and incentives framework, the State not only honors the outstanding contributions of our national athletes and coaches but also invests in the future of Philippine sports, inspiring the next generation to pursue excellence and carry the country's colors with pride on the global stage.

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


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AN ACT
FURTHER EXPANDING THE INCENTIVES AND ALLOWANCES
GRANTED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES ACT"

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

Section 1. A new Section 5 is hereby inserted after Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act" and the subsequent sections shall henceforth be renumbered accordingly:

"SEC. 5. BASIC AND MEAL ALLOWANCES FOR NATIONAL ATHLETES

- THE PSC SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL QUALIFIED NATIONAL ATHLETES ARE UNIFORMLY GRANTED BASIC AND MEAL ALLOWANCES, WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (NSDF). FOR THIS PURPOSE, REGULAR NATIONAL ATHLETES SHALL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY BASIC ALLOWANCES, BASED ON THEIR CLASSIFICATION

- a. CLASS A THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P35,000.00);
- b. CLASS B- THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P32,000.00);
- c. CLASS C-
 - (i) SILVER MEDALIST - TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND PESOS (P29,000.00);
 - (ii) BRONZE MEDALIST - TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P26,000.00);

d. TEAM SPORTS - TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P22,000.00)

e. TRAINING POOL

(i) NON-MEDALIST/DOWNGRADED- SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED PESOS (P17,600.00);

(ii) NEW ENTRIES / ALTERNATES / SPARRING PARTNERS - FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P15,200.00).

IN ADDITION, ATHLETES WHO GARNERED MEDALS DURING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR THE YEAR SHALL BE ALLOWED THE FOLLOWING ALLOWANCE SCHEME UNDER THE PRIORITY ATHLETES PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING RATES:

- (a) PLATINUM - FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P55,000.00);
- (b) PRIORITY A- FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P53,000.00);
- (c) PRIORITY B- FORTY-SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P46,000.00);
- (d) PRIORITY C- FORTY-THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P43,000.00).

THIS ALLOWANCE SCHEME SHALL APPLY TO ATHLETES WHO ARE QUALIFIED AND DULY ENDORSED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS (NSAS) TO BE PART OF THE SAID PROGRAM.

PROVIDED, THAT ALL ALLOWANCES HEREIN STATED MAY BE ADJUSTED BY THE PSC, UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR), BASED ON STUDIES, CONSULTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES, TO REFLECT THE ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE ATHLETES, NOT LATER THAN THREE (3) YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER.

THE ALLOWANCE SCHEME PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION SHALL LIKEWISE APPLY TO NATIONAL COACHES, AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT. PROVIDED, THAT THE ALLOWANCE CLASSIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR COACHES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE PSC, IN COORDINATION WITH THE RESPECTIVE NSAS."

Section 2. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act" is hereby amended as follows:

"Sec. [8] 9. Cash Incentives for Athletes. - National athletes and other athletes who are not officially or currently members of the national training pool but who have otherwise represented the country in international sports competitions, who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash incentives in the following amounts:

a. Individual Events

1. For Gold Medalists:

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v. ~~{Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00)}~~ **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P600,000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

vi. ~~{Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00)}~~ **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00)** for SEA Games;

and

vii. ~~{One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)}~~ **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000)** for ASEAN Para Games.

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2. For Silver Medalists:

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v. ~~Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00)~~ **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P350,000.00)** for Asian Beach Games, and Asian level competition held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games; -

vi. ~~{One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)}~~ **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00)** for SEA Games; and

vii. ~~(Seventy five thousand pesos (P75,000.00))~~ **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P125,000.00)** for ASEAN Para Games:

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3. For Bronze Medalists:

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- v. ~~One hundred thousand peso (P100,000.00)~~
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00) for Asian Beach Games, and Asian level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty five (25) countries participating and qualifying competition for World level and Asian level games;
- vi. ~~{Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00)}~~ **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)** for SEA Games; and
- vii. ~~{Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00)}~~ **FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)** for ASEAN Para Games

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Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*- The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), and other concerned agencies, shall issue the necessary guidelines and regulations for the implementation, disbursement, and periodic adjustment of basic and meal allowances for national athletes and coaches as mandated under this Act.

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing Cause.* - All provisions of laws, orders, decrees, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,