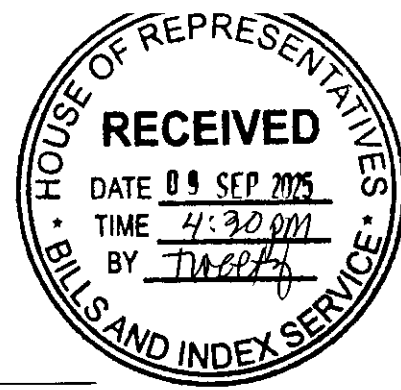


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports play a vital role in shaping well-rounded individuals, especially the youth, by instilling values such as discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and healthy living. More than just physical activity, sports serve as a powerful tool for uniting communities, fostering social inclusion, and inspiring national pride.

Yet in many parts of the country, the promise of sports remains out of reach, programs are hampered by erratic funding, worn-out facilities, outdated equipment, and limited access to training. These gaps stifle athletic potential and deny communities the social and economic benefits that vibrant sports programs bring.

This measure seeks to bridge that gap by creating a Sports Development Fund, to be sourced annually from a fixed percentage of the total revenue of the local government unit or the national budget, as applicable. The fund will be dedicated to building and upgrading sports facilities, securing quality equipment, empowering coaches and trainers through capacity-building programs, expanding grassroots initiatives, and supporting promising athletes in training, competitions, and academic pursuits.

Institutionalizing a consistent and protected source of funding ensures that sports development is not left to chance but is sustained, inclusive and accessible to all. This bill fulfills the constitutional mandate to promote physical education and sports programs that foster self-discipline, unity and excellence for the honor of the nation.

For these reasons, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ALLOCATING TWO PERCENT (2%) OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE AS ITS ANNUAL BUDGET IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Act shall be known as the "**Sports Development Program Act**"-

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

- a. promote and institutionalize sports development as an essential component of nation building, youth development community health, social inclusion and local pride across all cities and municipalities.
- b. Encourage and support grassroots sports development;
- c. Institutionalize local sports offices to implement sustainable, inclusive, and community-driven sports programs;
- d. Ensure adequate and continuing funding for sports development at the local level.
- e. Give equal opportunity to groups or individuals engaged in paralympic sports activities.

Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Constitution 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.”*

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOCAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby created a Local Sports Development Program (LSDP) which shall be administered by all the respective province, city and municipality sports offices, under the supervision of the local government's designated department.

The program shall include but shall not be limited to:

- a. Grassroots sports development;
- b. Inter-barangay and inter-school competitions;
- c. Athlete training end scholarships;
- d. Development and maintenance of sports facilities and;
- e. Partnerships with schools, non-governmental organizations and sports organizations.

The LSDO shall be headed by a Local Sports Development Officer appointed by the Local Chief Executive and shall have adequate technical and administrative staff as may be determined by the local government unit (LGU).

It shall coordinate with Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), and relevant private and civic organizations.

All LGUs are mandated to create a **Local Sports Development Program Council (LSDPC)** which shall be composed of not be more than fifteen (15) members, as may be determined by the sanggunian concerned and approved by the local chief executive, to formulate programs and policies to be implemented by the LSDO and designed primarily to:

- a. Encourage mass participation in sports and physical activities;
- b. Identify and develop athletic talents at the grassroots level;
- c. Promote gender equality, inclusion, and access to sports for all;
- d. Organize local sports tournaments, leagues, clinics, and training;
- e. Support local athletes and coaches;
- f. Establish and maintain sports facilities and equipment.

SECTION 4. TRAINING OF COACHES, TRAINERS, AND REFEREES. The city or municipal government shall invite professional coaches, trainers, and referees from various sports events as consultants to train the respective local coaches, trainers and referees on the standard rules and techniques of their respective sporting events or disciplines, and improve their performance, both during training and competitions. The city or municipal government shall pay such consultants from the annual budget of the LGU that is appropriated for Sports Development.

SECTION 5. MANDATORY BUDGET ALLOCATION. An amount equivalent to two percent (2%) of the total annual revenue of the city or municipal government shall be automatically appropriated to the Sports Development Program every fiscal year. For purposes of determining the required two percent (2%) mandatory budget allocation herein, the LGU's total annual revenue shall be understood to exclude the LGU's national tax allotments. This two percent (2%) mandatory budget allocation shall be reflected in the Annual Investment Plan (AIP) and included in the Local Development Fund (LDF) or General Fund as appropriate.

SECTION 6. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE. The Provincial, City and Municipality Sports Office shall:

- a. Submit quarterly reports to the City Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- b. Each LGU shall submit an **Annual Sports Development Report** to the DILG and PSC, detailing:
 - i. programs and activities undertaken;
 - ii. Budget allocation and utilization;
 - iii. Number and profile of beneficiaries;
 - iv. Performance of local athletes.
- c. Ensure transparency and equitable implementation of programs;
- d. Set clear Key Performance Indicators

Failure to comply with the foregoing reporting requirements, without valid justification, may result in the imposition of administrative sanctions on the erring responsible public officer, and may affect the LGU's eligibility for certain national government sports grants or incentives.

SECTION 7. OVERSIGHT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. - The PSC, in coordination with the DILG and the DepEd, shall:

- a. Develop and issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act;
- b. Provide capacity-building, training, and technical assistance to LGUs;
- c. Create a national framework to guide local sports development planning;
- d. Establish a Local Sports Monitoring and Evaluation System.

SECTION 8. REVIEW. – Within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act a Congressional Oversight Committee shall be created to conduct a systematic evaluation of the accomplishments and impact of this Act as well as the performance and organizational structure of its implementing agencies, for purposes of determining remedial legislation..

SECTION 9. BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES FOR ATHLETES. Athletes from various sports events who are included in the LGU's pool of players shall be entitled to the following benefits and incentives during training and actual competitions:

- a. Subsistence Allowance
- b. Complete Set of Uniforms
- c. Sports Equipment and Supplies
- d. Vitamins and Supplements
- e. Free Health Care Services
- f. Social Security/ Insurance Benefits

SECTION 10. INCLUSION OF PARALYMPIC SPORTS. Paralympic sports shall be recognized as an integral component of all national and regional sports development initiatives covered under this Act. All provisions, benefits, and funding allocations stipulated for able-bodied sports shall apply equally to para sports, unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 13. 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.

Approved.