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Explanatory Note

Our best performance in the Olympics so far was the most recent, with Carlos Yulo giving us two gold medals in gymnastics and the significant achievements made by our boxing team. Likewise, the previous victory of Hidilyn Diaz in weight lifting gave prominence to what most of us profess – that sports contribute greatly to nation building.

This bill aims to enhance current incentives given to our athletes by making it at par with our ASEAN neighbors. Similarly, this measure also seek to provide incentives to coaches as most of them do not get the recognition and support they require to train and supervise our athletes.

Given its noble intentions, immediate passage of this measure is prayed for.

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AN ACT
FURTHER EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO
NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
“NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT”

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

SECTION. 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the “*National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act*”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC 3. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) XXXX
- (b) XXXX
 - 1. XXXX
 - 2. World-level championships [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [forty-five (45)] THIRTY-TWO (32) countries participating by sport;
 - 3. Asian-level competitions [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [twenty-five (25)] EIGHTEEN (18) countries participating by sport; and
 - 4. XXXX
- (c) XXXX
- (d) XXXX

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, and Coaches.** - Any national athlete and coach, as defined herein, and who are currently registered as such, shall be entitled to the following:

- (a) XXX
- (b) XXX
- (c) XXX
- (d) Coverage in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) PROVIDED BY [of] the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH), [through the sponsored program of

the PSC] AS INDIRECT CONTRIBUTORS, AS SUCH THEIR PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE SUBSIDIZED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY (50), THE NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES SHALL BE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO EXISTING PHILHEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE BENEFITS AFFORDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

IN CASE OF THEIR HOSPITALIZATION IN ANY GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED-AND CONTROLLED OR GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITY, ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE PHILHEALTH BENEFIT SHALL BE SHOULDERED BY THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) UNDER ITS INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IMAP): *PROVIDED*, THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFICATION AND GRANT OF THE HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE TO BE EXTENDED BY THE PCSO SHALL BE MADE CONSISTENT WITH, AND SUBJECT TO THE COMPLIANCE WITH PCSO'S EXISTING IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT ANY QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO WAIVE THE BENEFITS MENTIONED UNDER THIS SECTION.

THE BENEFITS EXTENDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY ENJOYED BY THE NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES AND SUCH BENEFITS SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRABLE TO ANY OTHER PERSON;”

- (e) XXX
- (f) XXX
- (g) XXX
- (h) XXX

SEC. 3. A new Section 4-A is hereby inserted after Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10699 to read as follows:

“SEC. 4-A. *EXEMPTION FROM TAXES OF INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY COMPETING OR WINNING NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES.* – ALL INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES, AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS, AS WELL AS DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, WHETHER FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES, RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WHO COMPETE OR WIN IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT, INCLUDING THOSE RECEIVED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COACHES, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY AND ALL NATIONAL OR LOCAL TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES, SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE: *PROVIDED*, HOWEVER, THAT DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION ITSELF AND DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY USED TO FUND TRAINING AND COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES, AS WELL AS INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES, AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY COMPETING OR WINNING NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING THE TAXABLE INCOME OF THE DONOR IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.

THE EXEMPTION FROM DONOR'S TAX AND DEDUCTIBILITY FROM GROSS INCOME PROVIDED HEREIN MAY BE AVAILED OF WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION WHERE THE NATIONAL ATHLETE WILL COMPETE IN, AS CERTIFIED BY THE RESPECTIVE BODIES THAT ACCREDITED THEM AND THEIR COACHES, WHICH MAY BE THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC), PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE(POC), OR THE PHILIPPINE PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (PPC), AND WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE REQUIRED PERIOD TO AVAIL THE TAX EXEMPTION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO ALL DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FUND TRAINING AND COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES OF NATIONAL ATHLETES COURSED THROUGH THE PSC, POC, AND PPC.

THE EXEMPTIONS AND PRIVILEGES PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2024 AND SHALL NOT BE AVAILED *IN LIEU* OF ANY TAX EXEMPTION OR PRIVILEGE GRANTED UNDER EXISTING LAWS."

SEC. 4. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Scholarship Benefits for National Athletes.* – A national athlete who wins in a regular major international sports competition shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of full tuition fees from state colleges or universities for a college or university degree. The winning athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment of state college or university scholarship grants.

[Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning national athletes who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to the CHED and TESDA regulations and policies and qualifications for all applicants]

THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO WINNING ATHLETES WHO SEEK SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10687 OR THE "UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST) ACT", AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE EXPANDED TERTIARY EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY AND ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR ATHLETES WHO ARE UNABLE TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING CHED'S REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS (NAS) CREATED PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11470 AND the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall likewise give priority to winning national athletes who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to THE regulations, [and] policies, and qualifications provided by the NAS AND TESDA [for all applicants].

Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar program in their institutions for winning national athletes.”

SEC. 5. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 6. *Retirement Benefits for National Athletes and Coaches.*** - Any national athlete [and coach and] who wins in an international competition or has coached such winning national athlete shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his/her active sports career as a member of the national training pool or national coaches training pool up to the last day of retirement from active competition or training as certified by the PSC. Such lump sum amount shall be released sixty (60) days from the filing of the retirement papers.”

SEC. 6. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 7. *Death Benefits.*** - Upon the death of any national athlete and coach, the primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of [thirty thousand pesos (P30,000)] ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) to cover the funeral services: *Provided*, That if the national athlete and coach has no primary beneficiaries, the secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.

For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate spouse, legitimate or illegitimate, OR ADOPTED child/children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the parents and, in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete and coach.

The benefits provided under this section shall be without prejudice to other similar benefits that may be received by the national athlete and coach from other sources.”

SEC. 7. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 8. *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 competition, who win gold, silver and bronze medals 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:

Individual Events

1. For Gold Medalists:

i. Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be issued by the PSC for Summer Olympic, [and] Winter Olympic Games, AND PARALYMPIC GAMES;

ii. Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be issued by the PSC for Youth Olympic Games; [and Paralympic Games;]

iii. Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, [and] Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, AND ASIAN PARA GAMES;

- iv. [One million pesos (P1,000,000.00)] ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P1,500,000) for [Asian Para Games and] World-level competitions [held at least every two years] with at least [forty-five (45)] THIRTY-TWO (32) countries participating;
- v. [Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00)] SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P600,000) for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [twenty-five (25)] EIGHTEEN (18) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games; AND
- vi. [Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00)] FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00) for SEA Games AND ASEAN PARA GAMES. [; and]
- vii. [vii. One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.]

2. For Silver Medalists:

- i. Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00 for Summer Olympic, and] Winter Olympic Games, AND PARALYMPIC GAMES;
- ii. Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00) for Youth Olympic Games [and Paralympic Games];
- iii. One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, [and] Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, AND ASIAN PARA GAMES;
- iv. Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for [Asian Para Games and] World-level competitions [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [forty-five (45)] THIRTY-TWO (32) countries participating;
- v. [Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00)] THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P350,000) for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [twenty-five (25)] EIGHTEEN (18) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games; AND
- vi. [One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000) for SEA Games AND ASEAN Para Games. [; and]
- [vii. Seventy-five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.]

2. For Bronze Medalists:

- i. Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Summer Olympic, and] Winter Olympic, AND PARALYMPIC Games;

- ii. One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Youth Olympic Games [and Paralympic Games];
- iii. Four hundred thousand pesos (P400,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, [and] Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, AND ASIAN PARA GAMES;
- iv. Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) for [Asian Para Games and] World-level competitions [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [forty-five (45)] THIRTY-TWO (32) countries participating;
- v. [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)] ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000) for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions [held at least every two (2) years] with at least [twenty-five (25)] EIGHTEEN (18) countries participating and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games; AND
- vi. [Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00)] ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) for SEA Games AND ASEAN Para Games.” [;and]
- [vii. Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.]

SEC. 8. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. *Cash Incentives for Coaches, COACHING STAFF and NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.* – Coaches of national athletes, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE COACHING STAFF AND THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WHEREIN THE NATIONAL ATHLETES ARE AFFILIATED, shall also be entitled to cash incentives if they have personally trained, [and] ASSISTED, AND rendered service to the athletes, or teams who win in international competitions for at least six (6) months prior to the international competition. Certification to this effect by the individual athlete or team captain for team events shall be in writing, duly attested by their respective national sports associations (NSAs).

The incentives for the coaches shall be equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the cash incentives for gold, silver and bronze medalists. In case of more than one (1) coach, the cash incentives shall be divided among themselves.

LIKEWISE, THE ENTIRE COACHING STAFF AND CONCERNED NSAS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF SUCH INCENTIVES RECEIVED BY THE WINNING NATIONAL ATHLETES REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF MEDALS WON.”

SEC. 9. Section 10 of Republic Act No 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 10. *Availment of Benefits and Privileges.* – The above mentioned benefits and privileges shall be availed by national athletes and coaches, upon presentation of a valid identification card, renewable every year, to be issued by the PSC: *Provided*, That national athletes and coaches shall not avail of said benefits and privileges under Section 4 of [this Act] R.A. No. 10699 in combination with similar benefits and privileges under other existing laws.”

SEC. 10. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 12. *Funding.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of the cash incentives, retirement, AND DEATH benefits under this Act shall be taken from the net cash income of the PAGCOR, FROM THE REVENUE COLLECTIONS FROM OFF-TRACK BETTING, AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS FEES CHARGED BY THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD to be remitted directly as a special account to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the PSC. This is in addition to the regular income share of the PSC pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847.

Provided, That any additional funding requirement necessary to implement the increase of cash incentives, retirement AND DEATH benefits of this Act shall be sourced from the fifty percent (50%) national government share in the gaming revenue of PAGCOR under Presidential Decree No. 1869, as amended.

A separate fund equivalent to not less than sixty percent (60%) of the existing NSDF shall be automatically set aside for the training and preparation of national athletes covered by this Act.”

SEC. 11. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The PSC SHALL, in consultation with the POC, the NPC PHIL, the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education (DepEd), THE NAS, the CHED, the TESDA, the Department of Finance (DOF), the BIR, the PAGCOR, THE GAB, the PHILHEALTH, [among others,] and other concerned agencies [shall] promulgate and issue the RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS [IRR within sixty (60) days upon approval] of this Act WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER ITS EFFECTIVITY: *Provided,* That the failure of the PSC to promulgate the rules and regulations shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.”

SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.* – Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 14 of Republic Act No. 10699 are hereby amended. All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 14. *Effectivity.* –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,