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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed National Basketball Month Act declares April of every year as National Basketball Month to recognize basketball's significant role in Filipino culture and society. The bill aims to promote physical activity, teamwork, discipline, and leadership through basketball, benefiting youth and communities across the country. It also highlights the importance of inclusivity, supporting women, persons with disabilities, and para-athletes in basketball activities.

The bill mandates coordination among the Philippine Sports Commission, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and other agencies to implement nationwide programs and activities. These include community leagues, school tournaments, training clinics, exhibition games, and virtual basketball events, all designed to foster a healthy, active, and socially responsible citizenry while institutionalizing basketball as a tool for talent development and national pride.


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AN ACT

DECLARING APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL MONTH

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the *Act shall be known as the National Basketball Month*.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – Article XIV, Section 19 of the Constitution provides 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.

Pursuant to the aforementioned mandate, it is incumbent upon the State to support programs that will promote team sports such as basketball which is deemed to be the most popular sport in the country and is therefore a significant tool in promoting not only the physical, mental, and social well-being of the youth but also in teaching important values and life skills such as sportsmanship, respect, responsibility, communication, leadership, and teamwork.

SEC. 3. Objectives. – *The objectives of this Act are the following:*

- 1 (a) To commemorate the sport of basketball and its positive impact on Filipino
2 culture and society;
- 3 (b) To promote through basketball the importance of physical activity and a
4 healthy lifestyle across all ages;
- 5 (c) To promote basketball in the local government units and educational
6 institutions through the conduct of local and national basketball
7 tournaments as venue for talent identification, selection and recruitment
8 of student athletes; and
- 9 (d) To institutionalize the annual celebration of a National Basketball Month
10 in all provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays.
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12 **SEC. 4. *National Basketball Month.*** – The month of April of every year is
13 hereby declared as National Basketball Month.

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15 **SEC. 5. *Program of Activities.*** – To ensure the meaningful observance of the
16 National Basketball Month, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) shall, in
17 coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), Department of Education
18 (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Games and Amusements Board
19 (GAB), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and concerned
20 National Sports Association (NSA), prepare and implement an annual program of
21 activities which shall include the following:

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- 23 (a) Basketball events and activities for all ages at the local parks and
24 community centers across the country;
- 25 (b) Inter-barangay basketball leagues or friendly games;
- 26 (c) Free basketball training, coaching, and officiating a basketball game;
- 27 (d) Exhibition or demonstration games among professional players;
- 28 (e) Paralympic basketball for persons with disabilities and para-athletes;
- 29 (f) Women's participation in basketball;
- 30 (g) Viewing parties for major basketball games; and
- 31 (h) Virtual basketball sports or e-basketball sports.
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1 **SEC. 6. Duties and Responsibilities of Concerned Government Agencies.**

2 – The following agencies shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

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4 (a) The PSC shall, in coordination with the POC, GAB, and concerned NSA,
5 formulate and implement the annual program of activities for the National
6 Basketball Month and ensure the continuity of its promotion and 35
7 development;

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9 (b) The DepEd shall be responsible for raising awareness and promoting the
10 benefits of basketball by integrating the sport in the physical education
11 activities in the primary and secondary levels, encouraging the schools to
12 host basketball clinics, and ensuring that school facilities and equipment
13 are available to promote the sports;

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15 (c) The CHED shall promote collegiate basketball leagues in the tertiary level,
16 especially among the athletic associations, by incorporating basketball in
17 the physical education classes, encouraging tertiary schools to host
18 basketball leagues, tournaments, inter-collegiate basketball competitions,
19 and providing the needed facilities and equipment to promote the sport;

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21 (d) The DILG shall direct all local government units to formulate programs to
22 promote basketball within their respective localities and to coordinate,
23 cooperate and support the plans, programs, and activities of concerned
24 government agencies in observance of the annual celebration of the
25 National Basketball Month; and

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27 (e) The concerned NSA shall provide technical support, including the training
28 of teachers, coaches, and officiating of the game.

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30 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The PSC shall, in
31 coordination with the DILG, DepEd, CHED, and concerned NSA, promulgate the rules
32 and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its
33 effectivity.

1 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid
2 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
3 and effect.

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5 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees,
6 rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are
7 deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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12 Approved,