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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipino athletes are continuously scoring victories in prestigious international sports competitions. The pride and joy that these victories are great and the momentous victories of our athletes united all Filipinos around the world.

Our athletes are entitled to financial incentives by law, this is just proper to show them that the nation is proud of their achievements. However, our current laws do not give equal incentives to athletes with disabilities, athletes without disabilities receive more. Further, it can also be expected that private entities, which give voluntarily to Filipino athletes who win in international sports tournaments, will not give the same benefits to athletes with disabilities when they win in international sports events. As such, the State has the obligation to ensure that Filipinos athletes who win in prestigious international sports events can also get significant financial incentives for their hard work and for the honor they bring to the country.

The proposed enactment herein aims to bring equality to Filipino athletes by giving them more financial incentives when they win in international competitions. This proposed measure will also promote the devotion of the 1987 Constitution to social justice. By improving the benefits to be given to Filipino para-athletes, the Philippines can show the world that our country treats all Filipinos equal, with or without disabilities.

For the people of the Philippines, the passage of the proposed law is earnestly being sought.

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**AN ACT IMPROVING THE BENEFITS FOR ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES
AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES
BENEFITS ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as "Equal Incentives for Athletes with Disabilities Act (EIADA)."

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. To concretize the adherence of the State to social justice, it is hereby declared that the State shall give equal benefits and recognition to athletes with disabilities who bring honor and pride to the country by winning in prestigious international competitions.

Section 3. Amendment to Improve the Benefits for Athletes with Disabilities. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits Act," as amended, is hereby further 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 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:

- i. TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000.00) AND AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR TO BE ISSUED BY THE PSC FOR SUMMER OLYMPIC, WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPICS;
- 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;
- 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) FOR WORLD-LEVEL COMPETITIONS HELD AT LEAST EVERY TWO YEARS WITH AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING;
- v. Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) 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) FOR SEA GAMES AND ASEAN PARA GAMES.

2. For Silver Medalists:

- i. FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) FOR SUMMER OLYMPIC, WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES, PARALYMPIC GAMES;
- ii. TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P2,500,000.00) FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES;
- iii. ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) FOR ASIAN GAMES, ASIAN WINTER GAMES, ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES, ASIAN PARA GAMES;
- iv. Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for World-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;
- v. Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) 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. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00) FOR SEA GAMES AND ASEAN PARA GAMES.

3. For Bronze Medalists:

i. TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) FOR SUMMER OLYMPIC, WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES, PARALYMPIC GAMES;

ii. ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES;

iii. FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00) FOR ASIAN GAMES, ASIAN WINTER GAMES, ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES, ASIAN PARA GAMES;

iv. TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) FOR WORLD-LEVEL COMPETITIONS HELD AT LEAST EVERY TWO (2) YEARS WITH AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING;

v. One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) 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. Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00) for SEA Games and ASEAN PARA GAMES."

Section 4. *Separability clause.* - If for any reason any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing clause.* All laws or parts of laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, circulars, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,