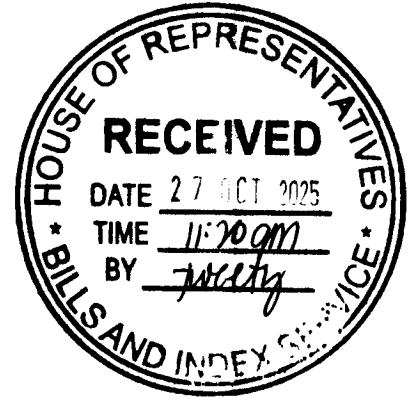




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HOUSE BILL NO. **5691**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the creation of the Philippine Sports Commission in 1990, several national policies and changes in the directions were introduced in promoting the country's sports development program.

In its 35 years of existence and based on the demands of various stakeholders, there is a need to amend some important provisions of Republic Act 6847 to ensure that the agency can address the need to elevate sports to a higher level.

It is highly expected that this measure will resolve the gaps and empower the agency to propagate sports in the localities nationwide and across sectors.

This bill seeks to amend some important provisions of Republic Act 6847 to ensure that the agency can address the need to bring sports to greater heights, which could eventually result in major breakthroughs, strengthening the agency's mandate, and making sports accessible to all.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS
COMMISSION AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6847 shall read as follows:

“SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as “Amendment of Certain provisions of Republic Act No. 6847 or Philippine Sports Commission Act of 1990”.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. *Nature of the Commission.* – The Commission shall exercise corporate powers. It shall have a seal, may sue and be sued, and shall be the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines: Provided, That in the case of the school sports development program, the same shall be formulated and implemented by the [~~Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)~~] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)** with the assistance of the Commission within the framework of the national sports development program.”

SECTION 3. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. – *Objectives of the Commission.* – The objectives of the Commission are:”

“(a) To provide the leadership, formulate the policies and set the priorities and direction of all national [~~amateur~~] sports promotion and development, particularly giving emphasis on grassroots [~~participation~~] **ATHLETES AND ELITE ATHLETES;**”

“(b) To encourage wide participation of all sectors, government and private, in [~~amateur~~] sports promotion and development; and”

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SECTION 4. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 7. – *Functions of the Commission.* – The Commission shall have the following functions:”

“(a) Plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports promotion and development program for the country, [~~including the program for the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-2000, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 406~~], in coordination with various sectors involved in sports, including among others, the Philippine Olympic Committee, **THE PHILIPPINE PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE**, the National Sports Associations, the public and private schools, government corporations and entities, the local government **UNITS**, [~~the Armed Forces of the Philippines~~], and other sports organizations and private corporations;”

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“(j) Recommend and propose to [~~Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)~~] **DEPED, CHED**, [Department of Local Government] **THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG)** and other government agencies and instrumentalities having sports programs, to incorporate in their respective annual budgets, a separate and specific budget for sports promotion and development;”

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“(m) Encourage, promote and sustain the creation and establishment of regional, provincial, municipal and barangay or school district sports promotion and development councils, composed of officials of [~~Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)~~] **DEPED, CHED** [~~Department of Local Government~~], **DILG, DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT)**, [~~local government officials~~], **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**, and representatives of the private sector, which shall initiate, conduct and coordinate sports activities in their respective jurisdictions; and”

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SECTION 5. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec 8. Composition of the Commission. - The Commission shall be composed of a chairman and four (4) Commissioners all of whom shall be appointed by the President. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL HAVE A FIXED TERM OF OFFICE OF SIX (6) YEARS. HENCE, HE/SHE MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR ANOTHER SIX (6) YEARS:

PROVIDED, THAT, IF THE CHAIRPERSON FAILS TO COMPLETE HIS OR HER TERM, THE PERSON APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANCY SHALL SERVE ONLY FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM.

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY DISCONTINUE THE APPOINTMENT AT ANY TIME IF THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE COMMISSIONERS DO NOT MEET THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SET BY THE PRESIDENT.

FURTHERMORE, THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS/HER FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS.”

SECTION 6. Section 11 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby added with the following:

“SEC. 11. *Powers of the Commission.* — The Commission has the power to do all acts and things necessary to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions, including:”

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(O) TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE THROUGH LEASE AND RENT OF PSC-OWNED-AND-MANAGED FACILITIES AND REAL PROPERTIES TO BE USED FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS;

(P) TO ENTER AND APPROVE ANY PARTNERSHIP OR JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS;

(Q) TO INCLUDE THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS (NAS) IN THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION;

(R) TO ESTABLISH A TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPED AND NAS;

(S) TO SET UP REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS IN REGIONAL CAMPUSES OF NAS;

(T) TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE COUNTRY’S SPORTS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IN COORDINATION WITH DOT, DILG, OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR BY:

- 1. IDENTIFYING MAJOR TOURISM DESTINATIONS FOR SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**
- 2. INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR SPORTS FACILITIES, AS SUPPORT TO THE COUNTRY'S HOSTING OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES.**

SECTION 7. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec 13. – National Sports Associations. – National sports associations, organized for their respective sports in the Philippines and/or affiliated with their respective international federations which are recognized by the International Olympic Committee, are recognized as such by the Commission.”

“The national sports association recognized by the Commission shall be autonomous and shall have exclusive technical control over the promotion and development of the particular sport for which they are organized, subject however to the supervisory and visitorial powers of the Commission, as provided in Section 11, paragraph (j) hereof.”

“Each national sports association shall, by its Constitution and by laws, determine its organization and membership: Provided, however, That no team, school, club, organization or entity shall be admitted as a voting member of a national sports association unless sixty percent (60%) of the athletes composing said team school, club, organization or entity are Filipino citizens.”

“The Commission recognizes the following functions, powers, duties and responsibilities of the various national sports associations:

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“(g) To decide all questions on the [~~amateur~~] status and discipline of the athletes and officials connected with the associations as well as the members thereof and all disputes between members;”

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SECTION 8. Section 18 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec 18. – Tax Exemption on the Use of Sports Facilities. – To encourage popular participation in [~~amateur~~] sports, no tax of any kind shall be levied on the use of sports facilities, whether the tax be on the user, owner or operator of the sports facility.”

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. – Sections 5, 6(a-b), 7(a, j, m), 8, 13, 13(g), and 18 of the Republic Act No. 6847 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.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions hereof.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval and completion of publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,