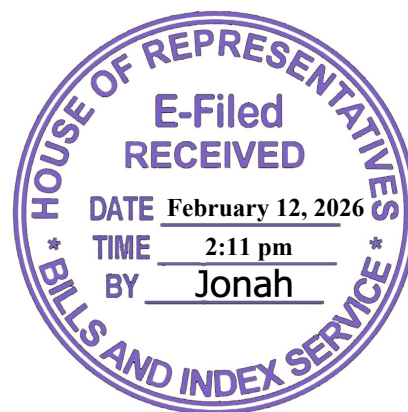


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7799



**Introduced by AKBAYAN Representatives PERCIVAL V. CENDAÑA,
JOSE MANUEL TADEO "CHEL" I. DIOKNO, and DADAH KIRAM ISMULA and
Dinagat Islands Representative KAKA BAG-AO**

**AN ACT INCREASING BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES FOR FILIPINO
ATHLETES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699 OR
THE NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Meanwhile, Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that (1) 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, and (2) All educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors.

In line with this, Republic Act No. 10699 or the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act" mandates the State to promote excellence in sports by looking after the welfare of national athletes and coaches competing for the country and by providing benefits and incentives for national athletes and other athletes who win in international sports competitions and bring honor and recognition to the country.

In the recent 2025 ASEAN Para Games held in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand from January 20 to 26, 2026, the Philippine delegation, representing the nation's talent in various sports, achieved an outstanding performance for a total of 134 medals, consisting of 45 gold, 37 silver, and 52 bronze medals. The performance of the Philippine delegation in the said competition is the best medal haul since the country's participation in 2001, finishing 4th place overall in the medal tally.

Although our para athlete medalists are entitled to cash incentives according to Republic Act No. 10699, they will only receive half the amount of what other athletes would receive at the same level of competition. This is a sad reality that our para athletes experience, even if they pour the same amount or even more than double the effort of training to deliver an outstanding performance at the international stage.

Thus, this bill seeks to amend Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699 in order to increase the cash incentives that will be received by para athletes who win gold, silver, and bronze medals in international sports competitions which is equal to the amounts received by other athletes who participate at the same level of competition. In addition, this bill also seeks to amend Section 7 of the said law to increase the amount of death benefit to be received upon the death of any national athlete and coach.

In line with this, the approval of the bill is earnestly being sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10699 shall be read as follows:
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3 "SECTION 7. Death Benefits. – Upon the death of any national athlete and
4 coach, the primary beneficiaries shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of **ONE**
5 **HUNDRED** [thirty] thousand pesos (**PHP 10**[3]0,000.00) to cover for the
6 funeral services: Provided, that if the athlete and coach has no primary
7 beneficiaries, the secondary beneficiaries shall be entitled to said benefits.
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9 For purposes of this Act, primary beneficiaries shall refer to the legitimate
10 spouse, legitimate or illegitimate children. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to
11 the parents and, in their absence, to the brothers or sisters of such athlete and
12 coach."
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14 **SECTION 2.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699 shall be read as follows:
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16 "SECTION 8. Cash Incentives for Athletes. — National athletes and other
17 athletes who are not officially or currently members of the national training pool
18 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 (**PHP** 10,000,000.00) 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 (**PHP** 5,000,000.00) and an Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be issued by the PSC for Youth Olympic Games~~[and Paralympic Games];~~
- iii. Two million pesos (**PHP** 2,000,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, ~~[and]~~ Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, **AND ASIAN PARA GAMES;**
- iv. One million pesos (**PHP** 1,000,000.00) for ~~[Asian Para Games and]~~ World-level competitions held at least every two years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;
- v. Five hundred thousand pesos (**PHP** 500,000.00) 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 (**PHP** 300,000.00) for SEA Games **AND ASEAN PARA GAMES.**~~[and]~~
- vii. ~~[One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.]~~

2. For Silver Medalists:

- i. Five million pesos (**PHP** 5,000,000.00) for Summer Olympic,~~[and]~~ Winter Olympic Games, **AND PARALYMPIC GAMES;**
- ii. Two million five hundred thousand pesos (**PHP** 2,500,000.00) for Youth Olympic~~[and Paralympic Games];~~

- 1 iii. One million pesos (**PHP** 1,000,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian
2 Winter Games, [~~and~~] Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, **AND ASIAN PARA GAMES;**
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5 iv. Five hundred thousand pesos (**PHP** 500,000.00) for [~~Asian~~
6 ~~Para Games and~~] World-level competitions held at least every
7 two (2) years with at least forty-five (45) countries
8 participating;
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10 v. Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (**PHP** 250,000.00) for Asian
11 Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every
12 two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries
13 participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and
14 Asian-level games;
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16 vi. One hundred fifty thousand pesos (**PHP** 150,000.00) for SEA
17 Games **AND ASEAN PARA GAMES.**[~~;-and~~]
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19 vii. [~~Seventy five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for ASEAN Para~~
20 ~~Games.~~]
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22 3. For Bronze Medalists:
23 i. Two million pesos (**PHP** 2,000,000.00) for Summer
24 Olympic,~~[and]~~ Winter Olympic Games, **AND PARALYMPIC**
25 **GAMES;**
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27 ii. One million pesos (**PHP** 1,000,000.00) for Youth Olympic
28 Games~~[and Paralympic Games];~~
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30 iii. Four hundred thousand pesos (**PHP** 400,000.00) for Asian
31 Games, Asian Winter Games, and Asian Indoor and Martial
32 Arts Games, **AND ASIAN PARA GAMES;**
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34 iv. Two hundred thousand pesos (**PHP** 200,000.00) for [~~Asian~~
35 ~~Para Games and~~] World-level competitions held at least every
36 two (2) years with at least forty-five (45) countries
37 participating;
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39 v. One hundred thousand pesos (**PHP** 100,000.00) for Asian
40 Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions held at least every
41 two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries

1 participating and qualifying competitions for World-level and
2 Asian-level games;

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4 vi. Sixty thousand pesos (PHP 60,000.00) for SEA Games **AND**
5 **ASEAN PARA GAMES;**

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7 [and]

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9 vii. ~~[Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.]~~

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13 **SECTION 3. Appropriations.** — The amount necessary for the initial
14 implementation of this Act will be charged against the current appropriations of the
15 Office of the President and the respective agencies. Thereafter, such sums as may be
16 necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
17 General Appropriations Act.

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19 **SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** — If, for any reason, any part or provision
20 of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected will continue
21 in full force and effect.

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23 **SECTION 5. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules,
24 and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
25 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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27 **SECTION 6. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
28 following its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of
29 general circulation.

Approved,