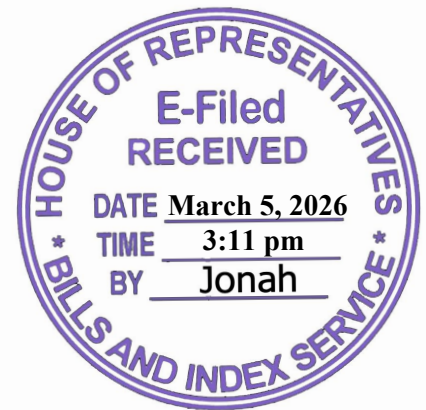


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Twentieth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8313



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Paragraph 1, Section 19 of Article XI of the 1987 Constitution explicitly 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."

The establishment of Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy in Barangay Villa M. Tejero, Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte is a pivotal initiative for young athletes who have exhibited the potential and dedication to excel in their respective sports but remained untapped due to lack of support to hone their skills and talents. Many of these deserving athletes, hailing from rural areas, are unable to participate in national and local competitions due to severe poverty. Additionally, engaging the younger generation in sports helps shield them from the negative influences of vices and other addictions, fostering a healthier, more productive community.

Admittedly, our country still lags in terms of facilities and sports programs on the global stage. The persistent challenges in physical conditioning, agility, and mental toughness make it difficult to cultivate a competitive pool of athletes. Moreover, the financial burdens exacerbate the struggle for securing the necessary funding for training and equipment in preparation for competitions.

In line with the abovementioned constitutional provision, the Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy will adopt a sports program that places premium to training, discipline, hard work, and scientific practices. This in-facility will serve as a breeding ground for future champion athletes in various sports competitions who will become our country's pride.

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


ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Twentieth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8313

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE SPORTS ACADEMY AND
TRAINING CENTER IN BARANGAY VILLA M. TEJERO, MUNICIPALITY OF
LILoy IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SEC. 1. There shall be established in Barangay Villa M. Tejero, Municipality of Liloy in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, a sports academy and training center, to be known as the "Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center" which shall be the primary sports development and training center in the 3rd District of the province of Zamboanga del Norte and of the neighboring municipalities as well.

SEC. 2. The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Department of Education (DepEd), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center.

The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte, in coordination with the PSC and the DepEd, shall also create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this act.

SEC. 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte, and such funds as may be granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and

endowments intended for sports development may be obtained from local and foreign sources.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,