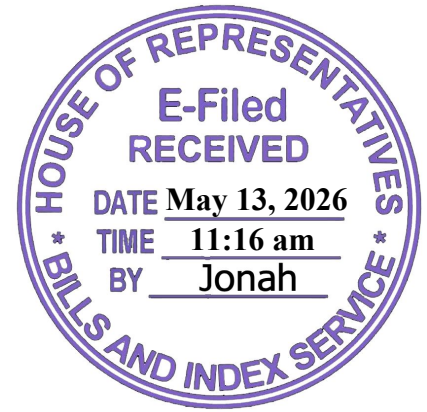


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



HOUSE BILL NO. 9235

Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

AN ACT
EXEMPTING FROM TAXES ALL INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES,
EMOLUMENTS, DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES WHO WIN IN
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL
ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports has always been more than a game. For many young Filipinos, especially those in the provinces, sports is discipline, education, confidence, community, and hope. As an advocate of both education and sports, this representation believes that every young person who is given a court, a coach, a uniform, and a chance to compete is also given a stronger chance to dream beyond poverty, distance, and circumstance.

This assertion is supported by both international and local policy. The World Health Organization recognizes that regular physical activity provides significant physical and mental health benefits, while UNESCO emphasizes that physical education and sport are key to youth development. UNICEF likewise recognizes sport and play as instruments for education, protection, social inclusion, and empowerment, especially for vulnerable children.¹ In the Philippines, the Department of Education has institutionalized School Sports Clubs in public schools to promote learners' holistic development, physical fitness, well-being, and more accessible sports participation. The Philippine Sports Commission also recognizes grassroots and "Sports for All" development as a national mandate for inclusive sports growth nationwide.²

Filipino athletes and coaches have brought pride and honor to the country. The Philippines emerged as overall champion of the 2019 Southeast Asian Games. Hidilyn Diaz won the country's first Olympic gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and Carlos Yulo won two Olympic gold medals at the Paris 2024 Olympics. These

¹ World Health Organization. (2024, June 26). Physical activity. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/physical-activity>

² Department of Education. (2025, August 7). Policy guidelines on the institutionalization of the school sports club in public schools (DepEd Order No. 022, s. 2025) [PDF]. https://www.deped.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/DO_s2025_022r.pdf

victories prove that Filipino athletes, when supported, can stand among the best in the world. Yet behind every medal is a long and costly road: years of training, sacrifice, family support, coaching, nutrition, equipment, travel, and recovery.

While Republic Act No. 10699 already grants benefits and incentives to national athletes and coaches, and while the Bureau of Internal Revenue has recognized the income tax exemption of prizes, awards, rewards, gifts, and donations received by athletes such as Carlos Yulo, gaps remain in the tax treatment of private support. In particular, private gifts and rewards may still create donor-side tax and deductibility concerns, which can discourage individuals and corporations from giving more generously and consistently to athletes and coaches.

This measure therefore seeks to exempt from applicable taxes and fees the winnings, prizes, awards, bonuses, donations, gifts, endowments, and other forms of support received by national athletes and coaches in connection with international sports competitions.

It also seeks to encourage greater private sector participation by making such support more meaningful, direct, and unburdened by unnecessary tax friction. Various state policies strongly encourage sports programs, league competitions, and training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for a healthy and alert citizenry. This bill gives life to that mandate. It honors not only the athlete on the podium, but also the coach, the family, the school, the community, and the local sports programs that helped make that victory possible.

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



HON. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO

Representative
1st District, Sorsogon

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9235

Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

AN ACT
EXEMPTING FROM TAXES ALL INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES,
EMOLUMENTS, DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS,
RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES WHO WIN IN
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL
ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10699 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

3
4 Section 3. *Definition of Terms* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms
5 shall be defined as follows:

6 a. xxx.

7 b. International sports competitions shall refer to international sports competitions
8 under the following categories:

9 1. xxx.

10 2. xxx.

11 3. Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least
12 **FIFTEEN (15)** [twenty-five (25)] countries participating by sport; and
13 xxx

14
15 **SEC. 2.** A new Section 10-A of Republic Act No. 10699 shall be introduced to
16 read as follows:

17
18 **SECTION 10-A. TAX EXEMPTION. ALL INCENTIVES, BONUSES,**
19 **REWARDS, AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS, AS WELL AS DONATIONS,**
20 **GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS, WHETHER THE SAME IS FROM**
21 **PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES, RECEIVED BY NATIONAL**

1 ATHLETES WHO WIN IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS,
2 INCLUDING THOSE RECEIVED BY THEIR NATIONAL COACHES, SHALL BE
3 EXEMPT FROM ANY AND ALL TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES LEVIED BY ANY
4 GOVERNMENT AGENCY, LOCAL OR NATIONAL, SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND
5 REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, AS
6 RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE:
7 PROVIDED, THAT DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
8 RECEIVED BY WINNING NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, SHALL BE
9 FULLY DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE GROSS INCOME OF THE DONORS IN
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (NIRC) OF
11 1997, AS AMENDED: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT AVAILMENT OF THE ABOVE
12 INCENTIVES AND TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL BE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE AND
13 SHALL BAR THE APPLICANT'S AVAILMENT OF ANY SIMILAR INCENTIVES
14 GRANTED BY OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAWS, RULES OR REGULATIONS.
15
16

17 **Sec. 3. Separability Clause.** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
18 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
19 remain in force and effect.
20

21 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
22 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
23 is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
24

25 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
26 its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved