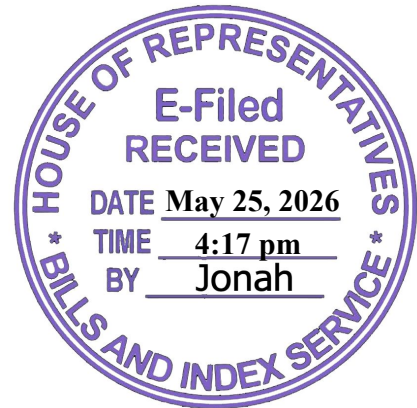


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HOUSE BILL NO. **9409**



Introduced by **Representative KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sports coaches, trainers, and athletic instructors play a critical role in the physical development, safety, and well-being of Filipino athletes across all levels—from grassroots and school sports to amateur and professional competition. However, the Philippines currently lacks a unified national registry and standardized competency framework governing individuals who provide sports coaching and training services.

Incidents involving preventable sports injuries, undiagnosed medical conditions, improper physical conditioning, and inadequate emergency response demonstrate the urgent need for minimum competency standards among coaches and trainers. Many coaches operate without formal education in athlete safety, basic life support, kinesiology, mobility assessment, injury prevention, or emergency response procedures.

This measure seeks to institutionalize a National Coaches and Trainers Registry under the Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, to ensure that all registered sports coaches and trainers possess fundamental competencies necessary to protect athletes and improve sports development nationwide.

The bill establishes mandatory baseline certifications in:

- Basic Life Support (BLS) and emergency response;
- Early detection of physical impairments and life-threatening conditions;
- Basic mobility, movement screening, and kinetics;
- Athlete safeguarding and injury prevention; and
- Other competencies to be prescribed by the PSC and TESDA.

The proposed measure also creates a tiered certification system, continuing education requirements, and a centralized database of accredited coaches and trainers accessible to schools, sports organizations, local government units, and the public.

By professionalizing sports coaching standards and promoting athlete safety, this measure aims to strengthen grassroots sports development, reduce preventable injuries and deaths, and improve the overall quality of sports instruction in the country.

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



REPRESENTATIVE KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN
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REGISTRY AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UNDER THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS
COMMISSION AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA), PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR BASIC SAFETY AND
SPORTS COMPETENCY CERTIFICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the “National Coaches and Trainers Registry
and Certification Act.”

Sec 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

- (a) Promote the safety, welfare, and holistic development of athletes and sports participants;
- (b) Professionalize the practice of sports coaching and athletic training in the Philippines;
- (c) Ensure that coaches and trainers possess minimum competencies in athlete safety, emergency response, injury prevention, and physical conditioning;
- (d) Strengthen grassroots sports development through standardized training and certification systems; and
- (e) Encourage continuing education and skills upgrading among sports coaches and trainers.

Sec 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms are herein defined:

- (a) “Coach” refers to any person who instructs, mentors, conditions, or develops athletes or sports participants in any recognized sport or physical activity.
- (b) “Trainer” refers to any person who provides physical conditioning, mobility instruction, rehabilitation support, athletic preparation, or related services to athletes or sports participants.
- (c) “Registry” refers to the National Coaches and Trainers Registry established under this Act.
- (d) “Basic Life Support (BLS)” refers to emergency medical assistance and resuscitation procedures recognized by the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Red Cross, or equivalent accredited institutions.
- (e) “Mobility and Kinetics” refers to the study and application of human movement, biomechanics, flexibility, posture, movement screening, and injury prevention principles.
- (f) “Early Detection of Physical Impairment or Life-Threatening Conditions” refers to the identification of visible or observable signs of medical distress, concussion, cardiac abnormalities, heat stroke, dehydration, musculoskeletal injuries, and similar conditions requiring medical attention.
- (g) “Accredited Sports Organization” refers to any national sports association, educational institution, local government unit, private sports academy, fitness organization, or similar entity recognized by the PSC.

Sec. 4. Creation of the National Coaches and Trainers Registry. - There is hereby established a National Coaches and Trainers Registry under the Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with TESDA.

The Registry shall serve as the official national database of certified and accredited sports coaches and trainers in the Philippines.

Sec. 5. Coverage. - This Act shall apply to all individuals engaged in coaching, athletic instruction, sports training, strength and conditioning, or related sports development activities in:

- (a) Public and private educational institutions;
- (b) Amateur and professional sports organizations;
- (c) Local government sports programs;

- (d) Fitness and athletic training facilities;
- (e) Community-based sports programs; and
- (f) Other organizations engaged in organized sports activities.

Sec. 6. Mandatory Minimum Certification Requirements. - All registered coaches and trainers shall undergo and maintain valid certification in the following competencies:

- (a) Basic Life Support (BLS) and emergency response;
- (b) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) awareness;
- (c) Early detection of physical impairments and life-threatening conditions;
- (d) Basic mobility assessment and movement screening;
- (e) Fundamental kinesiology and sports biomechanics;
- (f) Injury prevention and athlete safeguarding;
- (g) Heat illness, concussion, and dehydration recognition and response; and
- (h) Such other competencies as may be prescribed by the PSC and TESDA.

The PSC and TESDA may establish varying competency standards depending on the type of sport, age group handled, or risk classification of the activity.

Sec. 7. Tiered Certification System. - The PSC and TESDA shall develop a tiered certification framework which may include:

- (a) Basic Community Coach/Trainer Certification;
- (b) Intermediate Competitive Coach/Trainer Certification;
- (c) Advanced High-Performance Coach/Trainer Certification; and
- (d) Specialized Certifications for sports medicine support, adaptive sports, youth development, strength and conditioning, and related disciplines.

Sec. 8. Duties and Functions of the Philippine Sports Commission. - The PSC shall:

- (a) Administer and maintain the National Coaches and Trainers Registry;

- (b) Establish national coaching and trainer competency standards;
- (c) Accredite training providers and assessment centers;
- (d) Coordinate with national sports associations and educational institutions;
- (e) Monitor compliance with this Act; and
- (f) Promote continuing education and professional development programs.

Sec. 9. Duties and Functions of TESDA. - TESDA shall:

- (a) Develop competency standards, training regulations, and assessment tools;
- (b) Provide technical and vocational certification pathways;
- (c) Accredite training centers and assessors;
- (d) Facilitate nationwide accessibility of training programs; and
- (e) Integrate relevant competencies into existing sports and fitness qualifications.

Sec. 10. Continuing Professional Development. - All registered coaches and trainers shall undergo periodic continuing education and recertification every three (3) years or as may be prescribed by the PSC and TESDA.

Failure to comply with continuing education requirements may result in suspension or removal from the Registry.

Sec. 11. Public Access Registry. - The PSC shall maintain a publicly accessible digital database containing the names, certification levels, validity periods, and areas of specialization of registered coaches and trainers, subject to applicable data privacy laws and regulations.

Sec. 12. Incentives and Support Programs. - The government may provide scholarships, subsidies, or training assistance for coaches and trainers, particularly those serving public schools, underserved communities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and grassroots sports programs.

Sec. 13. Prohibited Acts. - It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Falsify coaching or training certifications;
- (b) Misrepresent accreditation or registry status;

- (c) Operate organized coaching or training programs using uncertified personnel after the transition period prescribed under this Act; or
- (d) Violate safety standards established pursuant to this Act.

Sec. 14. Penalties. - Any person found guilty of violating this Act shall be subject to:

- (a) A fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000.00) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱500,000.00);
- (b) Suspension or revocation of accreditation or certification; and/or
- (c) Imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than three (3) years, at the discretion of the court.

If the offender is a juridical entity, the responsible officers thereof shall be held liable.

Sec. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PSC and TESDA, in consultation with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Health (DOH), national sports associations, and relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 16. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the PSC and TESDA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 17. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 18. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 19. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.