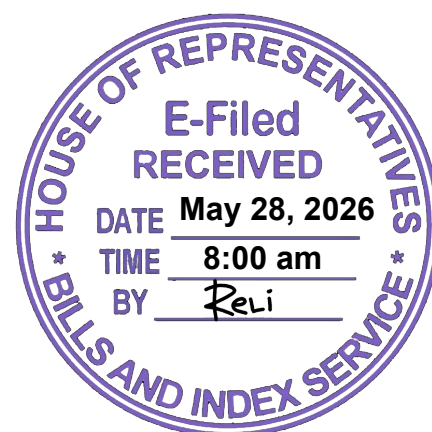


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **9470**



Introduced by **HON. BRIAN RAYMUND S. YAMSUAN**

**AN ACT EXEMPTING INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES AND OTHER
FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ATHLETES AND
COACHES FROM TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES
BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT”**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In recent years, more and more Filipinos have been gaining international recognition for their accomplishments in various sports events. Their wins are no longer isolated victories but a testament to Filipinos' hope, dedication, and perseverance. Notably, Carlos Yulo, Aira Villegas, and Nesthy Petecio took home Olympic medals in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. In the 2025 SEA Games, the Philippines won a total of 277 medals,¹ with medalists including Alex Eala, EJ Obiena, and Kayla Sanchez.

Watching these athletes compete to the best of their abilities and gain recognition for their country has brought Filipinos together. Ordinary Filipinos and even various private corporations have rallied behind these athletes who continue to bring pride to the country.²

In recognition of their contribution to national unity, Republic Act No. 10699 or the *National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act* was enacted. This law grants benefits and privileges to registered national athletes and coaches, such as discounts for transportation services, hotels, and restaurants, grants free medical and

¹ <https://www.olympics.com/en/news/sea-games-2025-all-philippines-medal-winners-full-list>

² <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/lifestyle/content/970266/filipinos-rally-to-support-filipino-athletes-beyond-wins-with-galing-ay-ilabas-galing-ng-pilipinas-cha/story/>;
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/05/paris-olympics-2024-carlos-yulo-artistic-gymnastics-floor-vault-philippines-gifts-gold>

dental consultations in government hospitals,³ and provides cash incentives to athletes who win gold, silver, and bronze medals, and to their coaches. Meanwhile, the National Internal Revenue Code exempts from income tax “all prizes and awards granted to athletes in local and international sports competitions and tournaments whether held in the Philippines or abroad and sanctioned by their national sports associations.”⁴ These laws show the State’s intent to enable athletes to enjoy the benefits of their hard work, and to incentivize sports in the country, consistent with the constitutional mandate to give priority to sports to foster patriotism and nationalism.⁵

However, there remain gaps in our laws. The income tax exemption does not cover prizes and awards received by coaches of the athletes. Donations granted to said coaches are also subject to donor’s tax. Additionally, the tax exemptions for athletes only apply to prizes and awards and are thus contingent upon winning. This overlooks the effort and sacrifice of athletes who compete but do not secure a podium finish, and fails to encourage support for athletes during their training stages.

This bill therefore seeks to expand the exemptions provided by current law. It seeks to exempt from national or local taxes any and all incentives, rewards, bonuses, donations, gifts, endowments, and contributions received by either competing or winning athletes and their coaches, whether from public or private persons. This measure also incentivizes contributing to the athlete’s training, as it provides that donations made prior to the competition and exclusively used to fund training and competition-related expenses will be considered as allowable deductions from the gross income of the donor. While we rightfully reward results, we also seek to nurture the training and development of our athletes.

Our athletes and their coaches are the embodiment of hope. In every competition or tournament, they carry with them their own dreams and their nation’s hope and pride. In turn, we provide them with the unwavering support they need as we encourage the next generation of Filipino athletes and coaches to continue on.

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


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³ Republic Act No. 10699, Section 4.

⁴ National Internal Revenue Code, Section 32(B)(d).

⁵ CONST. Article II, Section 17.

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

SECTION 1. A new section, designated as Section 4-A, is hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the “National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act”, to read as follows:

SEC. 4-A. EXEMPTION FROM TAXES OF INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY COMPETING OR WINNING NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES. – ALL INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS, AS WELL AS DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, WHETHER FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES, RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ATHLETES WHO COMPETE OR WIN IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT, INCLUDING THOSE RECEIVED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COACHES, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY AND ALL NATIONAL OR LOCAL TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES, SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE

COMPETITION ITSELF AND DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY USED TO FUND TRAINING AND COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES, AS WELL AS INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES AND OTHER FORMS OF EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY COMPETING OR WINNING NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING THE TAXABLE INCOME OF THE DONOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.

THE EXEMPTION FROM DONOR'S TAX AND DEDUCTIBILITY FROM GROSS INCOME PROVIDED HEREIN MAY BE AVAILED OF WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION WHERE THE NATIONAL ATHLETE WILL COMPETE IN, AS CERTIFIED BY THE RESPECTIVE BODIES THAT ACCREDITED THEM AND THEIR COACHES, WHICH MAY BE THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC), PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), OR THE PHILIPPINE PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (PPC), AND WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION: PROVIDED, THAT THE REQUIRED PERIOD TO AVAIL THE TAX EXEMPTION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO ALL DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FUND TRAINING AND COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES OF NATIONAL ATHLETES COURSED THROUGH THE PSC, POC, AND PPC.

THE EXEMPTIONS AND PRIVILEGES PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2027 AND SHALL NOT BE AVAILED IN LIEU OF ANY TAX EXEMPTION OR PRIVILEGE GRANTED UNDER EXISTING LAWS."

SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Finance shall, upon recommendation by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act: Provided, That failure to promulgate said rules and regulations shall not prevent the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly

SEC. 4. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,