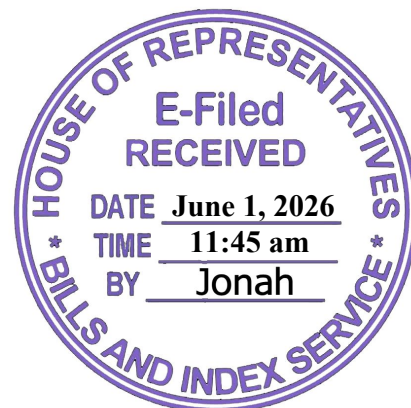


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9579



Introduced by

HON. ATTY. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO

AN ACT
PROHIBITING GAME-FIXING, POINT-SHAVING, AND OTHER FORMS OF
SPORTS MANIPULATION, PROMOTING FAIR, EQUAL, AND RESPONSIBLE
COMPETITION, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to promote physical education and encourage sports programs and competitions that foster self-discipline, teamwork, excellence, and the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

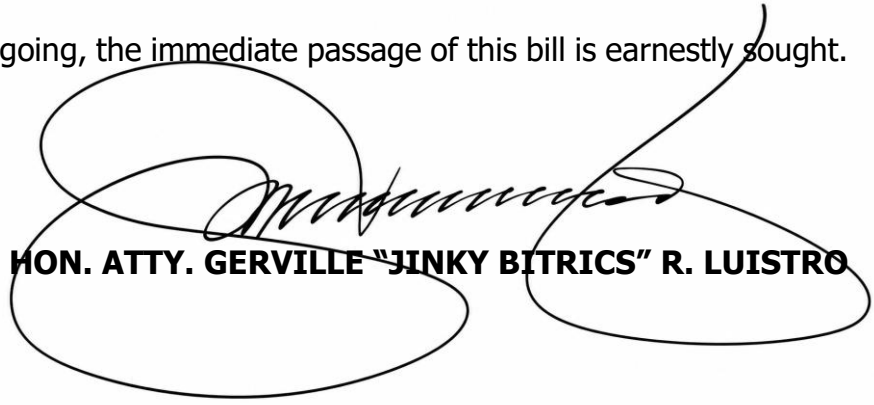
Sports play a vital role in shaping character and instilling values such as integrity, respect, discipline, responsibility, and perseverance. They provide an avenue where individuals, regardless of social status, background, or circumstance, can compete on equal footing and demonstrate their talents through honest effort and dedication. At its core, sports is founded on the principles of fairness, equality of opportunity, and respect for rules.

The essence of competition lies in the uncertainty of its outcome. Athletes, teams, coaches, officials, and spectators place their trust in the belief that sporting events are conducted fairly and that success is determined solely by skill, preparation, teamwork, and sportsmanship. When this trust is violated through game-fixing, point-shaving, or other manipulative practices, the integrity of sports is undermined and public confidence in athletic competitions is diminished.

Dishonest schemes that predetermine results, influence performances, or manipulate outcomes are contrary to the values that sports seek to promote. These acts deprive athletes of a fair opportunity to compete, distort the spirit of competition, and send the wrong message to the youth regarding accountability, responsibility, and ethical conduct.

This bill seeks to declare unlawful and impose appropriate penalties upon any person who engages in game-fixing, point-shaving, game machinations, and similar fraudulent acts in sports competitions. By deterring such practices, this measure aims to uphold the principles of fair play, equal opportunity, transparency, and responsible participation in sports while promoting genuine sportsmanship among athletes and sports stakeholders.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A RESPONSIBLE ONLINE GAMBLING REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK, STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FINANCIAL
SAFEGUARDS, PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN ONLINE
GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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4 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Sports Integrity
5 and Anti-Game-Fixing Act."
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7 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to protect
8 and preserve the integrity of sports, promote fair, equal, and responsible competition,
9 safeguard athletes and spectators from fraudulent practices, and uphold the values of
10 honesty, excellence, discipline, and sportsmanship.
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12 Towards this end, the State declares game-fixing, point-shaving, game
13 machinations, and all forms of sports manipulation unlawful and shall impose penalties
14 upon persons who engage in such acts.
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16 **SECTION 3. Definition of Game-Fixing.** – Game-fixing refers to any
17 arrangement, agreement, scheme, act, or series of acts whereby any person
18 intentionally influences, manipulates, or causes the manipulation of the conduct or
19 outcome of any professional or amateur sporting event for the purpose of obtaining
20 an unfair advantage, financial gain, gambling benefit, or predetermined result.
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1 The payment, offer, receipt, or promise of money or any valuable consideration
2 in relation thereto shall constitute prima facie evidence of game-fixing.

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4 **SECTION 4. Other Forms of Sports Manipulation.** – The following acts
5 shall likewise be prohibited:

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7 (a) Point-shaving;

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9 (b) Game machinations;

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11 (c) The offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving of any benefit,
12 consideration, or advantage intended to influence the outcome of a sporting
13 event;

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15 (d) The aiding, abetting, facilitating, inducing, or profiting from game-
16 fixing or any form of sports manipulation.

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18 **SECTION 5. Covered Sports.** – This Act shall apply to all professional and
19 amateur sports competitions, tournaments, leagues, contests, races, games, and
20 sporting events conducted within the Philippines.

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22 **SECTION 6. Penalties.** –

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24 (a) Any person found guilty of game-fixing or sports manipulation shall
25 suffer imprisonment of six (6) years to twelve (12) years and a fine of not less
26 than One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) but not more than Five Million Pesos
27 (P5,000,000.00), or both at the discretion of the court;

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29 (b) If the offender is an athlete, coach, referee, umpire, judge, promoter,
30 sports official, or any person directly involved in the sporting event, the penalty
31 shall be imprisonment of twelve (12) years to twenty (20) years and a fine of
32 not less than Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) but not more than Twenty
33 Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00);

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35 (c) If committed by a syndicate consisting of three (3) or more persons
36 acting in conspiracy, the penalty shall be life imprisonment and a fine of not
37 less than Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) but not more than Fifty Million
38 Pesos (P50,000,000.00).

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40 **SECTION 7. Perpetual Disqualification.** – Any person convicted under this
41 Act shall be perpetually disqualified from participating, directly or indirectly, in any
42 professional or amateur sporting event, league, association, or competition in the
43 country.

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45 **SECTION 8. Duties of Concerned Agencies.** – The Philippine Sports
46 Commission (PSC), Games and Amusements Board (GAB), Department of Education
47 (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Philippine Olympic Committee
48 (POC), National Sports Associations (NSAs), and other concerned agencies shall

1 enforce the provisions of this Act and impose the corresponding administrative
2 sanctions upon offenders.

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4 **SECTION 9. Witness Protection.** – Any person who voluntarily discloses
5 information, testifies, or assists in the prosecution of offenses under this Act may be
6 admitted into the Witness Protection Program pursuant to Republic Act No. 6981.

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8 **SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
9 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain
10 in full force and effect.

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12 **SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
13 and regulations, ordinances, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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16 **SECTION 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
17 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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19 Approved,