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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 644

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on September 18, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 11380

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 9135

Sponsor: Representative Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 9135, introduced by Representative Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, entitled:

"AN ACT

STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8757, ENTITLED 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 11380, entitled:

AN ACT

CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS PANTHEON OF HONOR, PROVIDING FOR ITS PURPOSES, ORGANIZATION, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8757, ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 9135 with Representatives Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Bernadette G. Escudero, Antolin A. Oreta III, Richard I. Gomez, DPA, Karl Fernandez Legazpi, Irwin C. Tieng, Joseph Kim C. Yu, Amado Carlos A. Bolilia IV, Jan "Atty. JP" Padiernos, Florabel C. Yatco, and Ricardo S. Cruz, Jr. as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the ***Philippine Sports***
2 ***Pantheon of Honor Act.***

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
4 promote physical education and encourage sports programs, leagues, and competitions
5 to foster self-discipline, teamwork, excellence, patriotism, and national development.

6 The State likewise recognizes the invaluable contributions of Filipino athletes,
7 coaches, trainers, sports officials, sports administrators, sports organizations, and other
8 sports builders whose achievements, exemplary character, and dedicated service have
9 brought honor and distinction to the Philippines. It shall likewise preserve and promote the
10 nation's sports heritage by institutionalizing a transparent, credible, and inclusive system
11 for recognizing individuals and teams whose outstanding achievements and enduring
12 contributions have advanced Philippine sports and inspired generations of Filipinos.

13 To this end, the State shall establish and maintain the Philippine Sports Pantheon of
14 Honor as the highest national honor in sports to perpetuate the legacy of exceptional
15 Filipino sports personalities and teams and to serve as a lasting source of national pride
16 and inspiration.

17 **SEC. 3. Establishment and Purpose.** – There is hereby established the Philippine
18 Sports Pantheon of Honor, hereinafter referred to as the Sports Pantheon, as the highest

1 national recognition in Philippine sports for recognizing and honoring Filipino athletes,
2 coaches, trainers, sports officials, sports administrators, and other individuals and teams
3 whose exceptional achievements and enduring contributions have advanced Philippine
4 sports and brought honor and distinction to the country.

5 The Sports Pantheon shall serve the following purposes:

- 6 (a) To serve as the highest national recognition for outstanding athletic
7 achievements and enduring contributions to Philippine sports;
- 8 (b) To serve as the official repository and custodian of the nation's sports history,
9 heritage, and legacy, including the achievements and contributions of
10 distinguished Filipino athletes, coaches, trainers, sports officials, sports
11 administrators, and other sports personalities;
- 12 (c) To promote education, research, and public appreciation of Philippine sports
13 through the preservation, documentation, exhibition, and promotion of
14 significant sports memorabilia, records, archives, and historical materials;
- 15 (d) To preserve and promote the values of excellence, integrity, discipline,
16 sportsmanship, patriotism, and fair play exemplified by its inductees and award
17 recipients; and
- 18 (e) To inspire present and future generations of Filipinos to pursue excellence and
19 contribute to the continued development of Philippine sports.

20 **SEC. 4. Sports Pantheon Committee.** – There is hereby established a Sports
21 Pantheon Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Pantheon Committee, which shall
22 receive, evaluate, and screen nominations for induction into the Philippine Sports
23 Pantheon of Honor in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

24 The Pantheon Committee shall be composed of the following:

- 25 (a) The Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) – Chairperson;
- 26 (b) The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) – Vice Chairperson;
- 27 (c) The Chairperson of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) – Member;
- 28 (d) The Chairperson of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines
29 (NHCP) – Member;
- 30 (e) The Chairperson of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
31 (PAGCOR) – Member;
- 32 (f) Two (2) representatives who are presidents of POC-accredited National Sports
33 Associations (NSAs), elected by the POC General Assembly: *Provided, That*
34 *no two (2) representatives shall come from the same NSA; and*
- 35 (g) Two (2) representatives from the private sector possessing recognized
36 competence, integrity, and distinguished involvement in sports, who shall be
37 selected by the PSC *en banc* from a list of nominees submitted by recognized
38 sports organizations and stakeholders.

1 The PSC shall serve as the Secretariat of the Pantheon Committee and shall provide
2 the necessary administrative, technical, and logistical support for the effective discharge
3 of its functions.

4 **SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Pantheon Committee.** – The Pantheon
5 Committee shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- 6 (a) To receive, accept, and process nominations for induction into the Philippine
7 Sports Pantheon of Honor and for the conferment of awards under this Act, in
8 accordance with the qualifications, criteria, and procedures prescribed herein;
- 9 (b) To formulate, adopt, and promulgate detailed rules, standards, criteria, and
10 procedures governing the nomination, screening, evaluation, selection,
11 induction, disqualification, and removal of inductees, as well as the conferment
12 of awards, consistent with the provisions of this Act;
- 13 (c) To verify the authenticity, accuracy, and sufficiency of all documentary
14 evidence submitted in support of nominations and, for this purpose, require the
15 submission of additional documents or information and coordinate with
16 government agencies, NSAs, educational institutions, and other public or
17 private entities to validate the accomplishments and qualifications of nominees;
- 18 (d) To evaluate whether nominees meet the eligibility requirements and possess
19 the qualifications, merit, and integrity prescribed under this Act and its
20 implementing rules and regulations;
- 21 (e) To declare nominations as incomplete, withdrawn, or ineligible for failure to
22 comply with the requirements prescribed under this Act, its implementing rules
23 and regulations, or the rules and procedures adopted pursuant thereto;
- 24 (f) To conduct consultations with stakeholders and convene meetings, as may be
25 necessary, in the performance of its functions;
- 26 (g) To ensure transparency and fairness in the selection process by causing the
27 publication of the nomination guidelines, selection criteria, and the official list
28 of qualified nominees and inductees, subject to applicable laws and
29 regulations;
- 30 (h) To require its members to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest
31 involving any nominee and, where warranted, inhibit themselves from
32 participating in the deliberation or voting thereon;
- 33 (i) To deliberate upon and approve, by majority vote of all its members, the final
34 list of inductees into the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor and the recipients
35 of the Distinguished Honors and Legacy awards under this Act;
- 36 (j) To maintain and preserve all records, nominations, proceedings, resolutions,
37 and other official documents relating to the selection, recognition, and removal
38 of inductees and award recipients;
- 39 (k) To conduct proceedings to determine the disqualification or removal of
40 nominees or inductees on any of the grounds provided under this Act, subject
41 to the requirements of due process;
- 42 (l) To approve, by majority vote of all its members, the removal of an inductee
43 from the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor and order the corresponding
44 removal of the inductee's name, honor, and exhibit from the official roster of

- 1 inductees, records, and displays, without prejudice to the preservation of
2 historical records; and
3 (m) To perform such other acts and functions as may be necessary or incidental to
4 effectively carry out the purposes of this Act.

5 **SEC. 6. *Categories of Induction.*** – Induction into the Philippine Sports Pantheon
6 of Honor shall be made under any of the following categories:

- 7 (a) Athlete – Filipino athletes who have attained exceptional distinction through
8 outstanding athletic achievement, whose accomplishments have brought honor
9 and distinction to the Philippines, and made enduring contributions to the
10 advancement of Philippine sports;
11 (b) Team – Philippine national teams that officially recognized by the PSC, POC,
12 and the appropriate NSA that have attained exceptional distinction through
13 outstanding athletic achievement and whose collective performance have
14 brought honor, prestige, and lasting recognition to the Philippines;
15 (c) Coach – Filipino coaches who have demonstrated exceptional competence,
16 leadership, and dedication in developing athletes, and whose coaching
17 accomplishments have significantly contributed to the success in major
18 international and professional sports competitions; and
19 (d) Trainer – Filipino trainers who have rendered distinguished service in the
20 physical, technical, tactical, medical, scientific, or psychological preparation of
21 athletes, and whose expertise and dedication have significantly contributed to
22 the development and competitive success of Filipino athletes.
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24 *Provided, That* a nominee who satisfies the qualifications under any of the foregoing
25 categories may be inducted posthumously in recognition of such nominee's exceptional
26 achievements or enduring contributions to Philippine sports, as provided under Section
27 10 of this Act.

28 **SEC. 7. *General Eligibility for Induction.*** – To be eligible for induction into the
29 Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor, a nominee shall:

- 30 (a) Be a Filipino citizen at the time the achievement and awarding forming the basis
31 of the nomination was accomplished. A Filipino citizen who possesses dual
32 citizenship shall not be disqualified from induction into the Philippine Sports
33 Pantheon of Honor or from the conferment of an award under this Act:
34 *Provided, That* the nominee officially represented the Philippines or rendered
35 the qualifying contribution in the service of Philippine sports, as may be
36 applicable;
37 (b) Possess integrity, sportsmanship, discipline, and a reputation worthy of the
38 honor being conferred;
39 (c) Have complied with applicable anti-doping rules and regulations and have not
40 been sanctioned for any violation thereof, unless subsequently exonerated or
41 reinstated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations;
42 (d) Not have been finally convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, corruption,
43 fraud, game-fixing, bribery, or any other offense which, in the judgment of the
44 Pantheon Committee, seriously undermines the integrity of sports or renders
45 the nominee unworthy of induction; and

- 1 (e) Meet the qualifications applicable to the nominee's category under Section 8 of
2 this Act.

3 *Provided*, That compliance with the foregoing eligibility requirements shall not, by
4 itself, entitle any person or team to induction into the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor.
5 The selection of inductees shall be based on the nominee's overall merits, taking into
6 consideration the significance, impact, integrity, and enduring value of the nominee's
7 achievements and contributions to Philippine sports, as determined by the Pantheon
8 Committee in accordance with this Act.

9 **SEC. 8. Category-Specific Qualifications.** – In addition to the eligibility
10 requirements prescribed in the immediately preceding section, the following qualifications
11 shall apply to each category of induction:

- 12 (a) Athlete. – To qualify for induction under the Athlete Category, the nominee
13 must:

- 14 1) Have officially represented the Philippines in an international sports
15 competition recognized by the PSC, the POC, or the appropriate NSA;
16 and
17 2) Have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievement and made an
18 enduring contribution to Philippine sports, as evidenced by one or more
19 of the following:
20 i. Winning at least a gold medal in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA
21 Games), a medal in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games,
22 Asian Games, and other international sports competitions
23 recognized by the PSC and the POC, and World Championship in
24 any professional sports competition;
25 ii. Establishing or equaling a world, continental, Asian record officially
26 recognized by the PSC, POC and appropriate NSA;
27 iii. Attaining exceptional distinction in professional sports
28 competitions of international standing; or
29 iv. Accomplishing other extraordinary athletic achievements which, in
30 the judgment of the Pantheon Committee, have significantly
31 advanced Philippine sports or enhanced the country's international
32 sporting reputation.

- 33 (b) Team. – To qualify for induction under the Team Category, the nominee team must:

- 34 1) Have officially represented the Philippines in international sports
35 competitions recognized by the PSC, the POC, and the appropriate NSA;
36 and
37 2) Have demonstrated exceptional collective athletic achievement of
38 international significance and brought honor, prestige, and lasting
39 recognition to the Philippines through accomplishments of historical
40 significance.

- 41 (c) Coach. – To qualify for induction under the Coach Category, the nominee must
42 have demonstrated exceptional coaching achievement and enduring contributions
43 to Philippine sports by:

- 1) Rendering distinguished coaching service that significantly contributed to the development and success of Filipino athletes or teams in major international or professional sports competitions;
- 2) Exercising direct coaching responsibility during the period in which the athlete or team attained the achievement forming the basis of the nomination;
- 3) Official recognition by the relevant national sports governing body: *Provided*, That any dispute concerning such recognition shall be resolved by the Pantheon Committee; and
- 4) Making lasting contributions to athlete development, sports education, or the advancement of coaching in the Philippines.

(d) Trainer. – To qualify for induction under the Trainer Category, the nominee must:

- 1) Have rendered distinguished service in the physical, technical, tactical, medical, scientific, nutritional, psychological, or other specialized preparation of Filipino athletes;
- 2) Have exercised primary or substantial responsibility for the specialized preparation of athletes or teams whose outstanding achievements form the basis of the nomination; and
- 3) Have made lasting contributions to athlete development, sports science, sports medicine, or high-performance sports in the Philippines.

SEC. 9. Distinguished Honors and Legacy Awards. – There are hereby established the Distinguished Honors and Legacy Awards, which shall be special Sports Pantheon recognitions conferred upon individuals for exceptional leadership and lifetime contributions to Philippine sports.

Recipients of the Distinguished Honors and Legacy Awards shall be inducted into the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor under a distinct honors category and shall be officially listed and recorded as Pantheon inductees.

(a) Sports Executive Leadership Award. – The Sports Executive Leadership Award shall be conferred upon a Filipino individual who has rendered outstanding, measurable, and nationally significant service to Philippine sports outside participation as an athlete, coach, or trainer, and whose leadership, professional expertise, or institutional contributions have substantially advanced the excellence, governance, sustainability, or development of Philippine sports.

Eligible fields of contribution shall include:

- 1) Sports administration and governance;
- 2) Sports development, including policy formulation, program implementation, and institutional development; and
- 3) Sports science, sports medicine, and other professional or technical support services that have significantly contributed to the advancement of Philippine sports.

To qualify for the award, the nominee must have demonstrated substantial and verifiable contributions that led to, enabled, or sustained the success of Filipino athletes or teams at the SEA Games level or higher through leadership, program implementation, innovation, institutional development, or other comparable initiatives.

In determining the recipient of the award, the Pantheon Committee shall give due consideration to nominees whose contributions resulted in one or more of the following:

- 1) Sustained Asian-level or World-level competitiveness of Filipino athletes or national teams;
- 2) Major institutional reforms, systems, or programs of national significance with enduring impact; or
- 3) Long-term development of elite, developmental, or grassroots sports through sustainable athlete development pathways, talent identification systems, capacity-building programs, or comparable initiatives.

The nominee's contributions must be clearly documented, evidence-based, independently verifiable, and demonstrably national in scope and significance rather than isolated or short-term achievements. Contributions may be cumulative and need not be medal-based: *Provided*, That they have produced clear, measurable, and sustainable benefits to the development or international competitiveness of Philippine sports.

Only one (1) Sports Executive Leadership Award shall be conferred during each award cycle.

(b) Lifetime Achievement in Sports Award. – The Lifetime Achievement in Sports Award shall be the highest honorary distinction conferred upon a Filipino individual whose cumulative, exceptional, and enduring contributions have profoundly influenced the long-term development, integrity, excellence, and international standing of Philippine sports.

The award shall recognize a lifetime legacy of distinguished service, leadership, and influence that transcends individual achievements, positions, or competitive accomplishments and has produced a lasting and transformative impact on Philippine sports.

To qualify for the award, the nominee must:

- 1) Have rendered at least forty (40) years of distinguished service, achievement, or leadership in Philippine sports;
- 2) Have made cumulative and exceptional contributions that may span multiple roles, including but not limited to those of a sports executive, administrator, scholar, medical or scientific expert, advocate, or builder of sports institutions and systems; and
- 3) Have demonstrated a clear and enduring national impact through lasting programs, institutions, policies, athlete development pathways, or other significant contributions that have substantially advanced Philippine sports beyond a single event, competition, or sporting discipline.

In evaluating nominees, the Pantheon Committee shall consider the nominee's overall body of work, the cumulative impact of the nominee's contributions, and the extent to which such contributions have transformed or advanced Philippine sports over time. Competitive success, while relevant, shall not be required where the nominee's lifetime contributions demonstrate exceptional and enduring value to Philippine sports.

The award may be conferred posthumously in accordance with Section 10 of this Act. Only one (1) Lifetime Achievement in Sports Award shall be conferred during each award cycle.

1 **SEC. 10. Posthumous Induction and Conferment of Distinguished Honors and**
2 **Legacy Awards.** – A person who meets the qualifications for induction into the Philippine
3 Sports Pantheon of Honor or for the conferment of a Distinguished Honors and Legacy
4 Award under this Act may be inducted or conferred such recognition posthumously.

5 The death of a nominee shall not preclude the consideration of his or her nomination:
6 *Provided*, That the nominee satisfied all applicable eligibility requirements and category-
7 specific qualifications prescribed under this Act and its implementing rules and regulations
8 at the time of death.

9 A posthumous induction or conferment shall be made in the same manner and shall
10 be subject to the same qualifications, standards, and procedures applicable to living
11 nominees. The corresponding Pantheon citation, plaque, medal, certificate, or other
12 symbol of recognition may be received by the nominee's surviving spouse, legal heirs, or
13 duly authorized representative.

14 **SEC. 11. Public Nomination and Transparency.** – Nominations for induction into
15 the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor and for the conferment of the Distinguished
16 Honors and Legacy Awards may be submitted by the NSAs, sports organizations,
17 educational institutions, former Pantheon inductees, or any member of the public, in
18 accordance with the qualifications, requirements, and procedures prescribed under this
19 Act and its implementing rules and regulations.

20 The Pantheon Committee shall issue a public call for nominations for every award
21 cycle and prescribe the period, manner, and requirements for the submission of
22 nominations.

23 To promote transparency, accountability, and public confidence in the selection
24 process, the PSC, as Secretariat of the Pantheon Committee, shall publish, through its
25 official website and other appropriate means, the nomination guidelines, selection criteria,
26 and the list of qualified nominees prior to the final deliberation of the Pantheon Committee

27 **SEC. 12. Eligibility Period.** – Nominees under the Athlete, Coach, Trainer, and
28 Team Categories shall be eligible for induction into the Philippine Sports Pantheon of
29 Honor only after the lapse of at least three (3) years from the date of retirement from active
30 competition or active professional service, as may be applicable.

31 The eligibility period prescribed in the immediately preceding paragraph shall not
32 apply to nominees for the Distinguished Honors and Legacy Awards under Section 9 of
33 this Act.

34 *Provided*, That the Pantheon Committee may recommend the induction of a nominee
35 prior to the expiration of the eligibility period in exceptional cases, subject to the rule that
36 induction shall not be allowed more than once for the same sport but may be allowed for
37 a different sport;

38 **SEC. 13. Removal of Inductees.** – An inductee who is subsequently found to have
39 been disqualified under Section 7 of this Act at the time of induction, or who thereafter
40 incurs any of the grounds for disqualification prescribed therein, may be removed from the
41 Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor.

1 Removal shall be undertaken only after due notice and opportunity to be heard, and
2 in accordance with the procedures prescribed under this Act and its implementing rules
3 and regulations.

4 Upon the approval by majority vote of the Pantheon Committee, the inductee shall
5 be removed from the official roster of inductees and shall cease to enjoy any recognition
6 or privilege conferred under this Act. The historical records of the induction shall, however,
7 be retained for archival and historical purposes.

8 **SEC. 14. *Permanent Hall and Repository.*** – The PSC shall establish or designate
9 a permanent physical and digital site to serve as the official Philippine Sports Pantheon of
10 Honor.

11 The Pantheon shall maintain archives, historical records, memorabilia, educational
12 materials, and digital exhibits, and may establish traveling or regional exhibitions in
13 coordination with local government units and educational institutions.

14 **SEC. 15. *Induction Schedule and Venue.*** – Induction into the Sports Pantheon
15 shall be conducted biennially at the Heroes Hall of Malacañang Palace, or at such other
16 venue as may be designated, to be graced by the President of the Philippines or his/her
17 duly authorized representative.

18 **SEC. 16. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The PSC shall, in consultation
19 with the POC, GAB, NHCP, PAGCOR, and other stakeholders, promulgate the rules and
20 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

21 **SEC. 17. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or
22 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
23 effect.

24 **SEC. 18. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 8757, entitled “An Act Establishing
25 the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame and Appropriating Funds Therefor,” is hereby repealed.
26 All other laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent
27 with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed
28 accordingly.

29 **SEC. 19. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
30 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

31 *Approved,*

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 11380

(In substitution of House Bill No. 9135)

(As approved by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on June 3, 2026)

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Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson: Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III

OBJECTIVES:

- To establish a new hall of fame and honor as the preeminent national institution dedicated to conferring the highest recognition for outstanding athletic achievements and enduring contributions to Philippine sports
- To serve as the official repository and custodian of the nation's sports history, heritage, and legacy, including the achievements and contributions of distinguished Filipino athletes, coaches, trainers, sports officials, sports administrators, and other sports personalities;
- To promote education, research, and public appreciation of Philippine sports through the preservation, documentation, exhibition, and promotion of significant sports memorabilia, records, archives, and historical materials;
- To preserve and promote the values of excellence, integrity, discipline, sportsmanship, patriotism, and fair play exemplified by its inductees and award recipients; and
- To inspire present and future generations of Filipinos to pursue excellence and contribute to the continued development of Philippine sports.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes a new legal framework for the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor as the highest national honor in Philippine sports, defining its purposes to preserve the nation's sports heritage, promote sports education and research, and recognize outstanding contributions to Philippine sports;

- Establishes the Sports Pantheon Committee, composed of the Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the Vice Chairperson of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), the Games and Amusements Board, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, the National Sports Associations (NSAs), two (2) presidents of POC-accredited NSAs, and two (2) representatives from the private sector;
- Empowers the Sports Pantheon Committee to administer the nomination and selection process, prescribe standards and procedures for induction and awards, evaluate and approve nominees, maintain official records, and ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability through conflict-of-interest and due process safeguards;
- Prescribes general eligibility requirements and category-specific qualifications for the Athlete, Team, Coach, and Trainer categories, including standards of integrity, compliance with anti-doping rules, and exceptional achievements and enduring contributions to Philippine sports;
- Establishes the Distinguished Honors and Legacy Awards, consisting of the Sports Executive Leadership Award and the Lifetime Achievement in Sports Award, to recognize individuals whose exceptional leadership, lifetime service, and institutional contributions have significantly advanced Philippine sports;
- Authorizes posthumous induction into the Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor and posthumous conferment of the Distinguished Honors and Legacy Awards, subject to the same qualifications, standards, and procedures applicable to living nominees;
- Institutionalizes a transparent and inclusive nomination process by authorizing nominations from NSAs, sports organizations, educational institutions, former Hall of Fame inductees, and the general public, and requiring a public call for nominations and the publication of nomination guidelines, selection criteria, and qualified nominees;
- Prescribes a three-year eligibility period following retirement for nominees under the Athlete, Team, Coach, and Trainer categories, permits early induction in exceptional cases, and provides the grounds and procedures for the removal of inductees, subject to due process;
- Directs the PSC to establish and maintain a permanent physical and digital Philippine Sports Pantheon of Honor, preserve sports archives and historical records, maintain exhibits and educational materials, develop traveling or regional exhibitions in coordination with local government units and educational institutions; and

- Institutionalizes biennial induction ceremonies to be held at the Heroes Hall of Malacañang Palace, or at such other venue as may be designated, to be graced by the President of the Philippines or the President's duly authorized representative.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 6847 (The Philippine Sports Commission Act);
- Republic Act No. 8757 (An Act Establishing the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame and Appropriating Funds Therefor); and
- Republic Act No. 10699 (National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act).