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### Explanatory Note

There is a need to review the state of sports development in the country. Our existing sports facilities are outdated and incomplete. Funding is a major concern in our nation's sports development. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) only receives a combined amount of around P750 million from PAGCOR<sup>1</sup> and the national government. On the other hand, our Southeast Asian neighbors are investing heavily in sports development, to wit: Thailand is equivalent to P13 billion, Singapore P6.5 billion, and Indonesia and Malaysia at P4 billion each. Ten years ago, Vietnam built a national training center in My Dinh, in the amount of \$53 million and since then, have been producing able athletes. Singapore upgraded all their sports facilities when they hosted the Olympic Youth Games 2010. Thailand has several imposing sports complexes all over the country, while Malaysia has its grand Bukit Jalil National Stadium and Brunei its majestic Hassal Bolkiah National Stadium. In preparation for the SEA Games in 2014, Myanmar built new stadiums, including Wunna Theikidi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw, training centers and dormitories for its athletes.

In the Philippines, the Philippine Sports Commission's budget has no allocation for capital outlay. With the creation and establishment of the *Philippine Amateur Sports Training Center*, our 800 national athletes and 300 coaches will have a new decent and a much-needed home and venue for elite training that is at par with international standards. But it must be emphasized that existing training centers, such as the Rizal Memorial Complex, the Philsports Arena, Amoranto Stadium and Baguio Training Camp will not be

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<sup>1</sup> Section 26 of RA 6847 or the Philippine Sports Commission Act states that its funding come

abandoned but will remain as sports training facilities for the national athletes and for other sports development program purposes.

This proposal is in consonance with the State Policy to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

Hence, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL**  
**SPORTS TRAINING CENTER", AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE**  
**ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES,**  
**INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND**  
**MANAGEMENT OF THE SAME**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title** -This Act shall be known as the "*National Sports Training Center Act.*"

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy**- It is the policy of the State to promote and develop elite sports in the country, to achieve excellence in the international sports competitions, to ensure success in its quest for Olympic medals and to promote international amity among nations. The establishment and construction of a sports complex shall further these objectives.

**SECTION 3. Establishment of National Sports Training Center** -To carry out the above policy, a sports complex hereinafter referred to as the National Sports Training Center is hereby established within the premises of Clark.

The necessary sports facilities and amenities which are at par with international standards shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months and after a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act in a location that is suitable and conducive to high-level training of athletes and preferably located at the outskirts to the Metropolis, free from pollution and distractions.

A satellite training center shall also be established in at least three (3) locations, namely: Province of Laguna for Luzon, City of Bacolod for Visayas and Province of Davao del Norte for Mindanao.

**SECTION 4. Objectives and Purposes of the National Sports Training Center:**

The objectives and purposes of the *National Sports Training Center* are as follows:

- a.) It shall serve as the official venue of training for the athletes in the National Team included in the list of sports contemplated herein;
- b.) It shall serve as the official home of the National Athletes who belong to sports contemplated herein;
- c.) It shall be the Center for sports science and research development;
- d.) It shall serve as venue for the training of coaches and referees; and
- e.) It shall be used for any other purpose inherent and incidental for the purposes for which it was created.

**SECTION 5. Sports, Facilities and Amenities** –The National Training Center shall include sports facilities and amenities for the following sports:

- 1.) Aquatics
- 2.) Archery
- 3.) Arnis
- 4.) Athletics
- 5.) Badminton
- 6.) Baseball
- 7.) Basketball
- 8.) Billiard and Snookers
- 9.) BMX and Cycling
- 10.) Bowling
- 11.) Boxing
- 12.) Chess
- 13.) Dancesport
- 14.) Equestrian
- 15.) Fencing
- 16.) Football
- 17.) Futsal
- 18.) Handball
- 19.) Gymnastics
- 20.) Judo
- 21.) Karatedo
- 22.) Lawn Tennis
- 23.) Muay Thai
- 24.) Pencak Silat
- 25.) Rugby

- 26.) Shooting
- 27.) Softball
- 28.) Soft Tennis
- 29.) Squash
- 30.) Table Tennis
- 31.) Taekwando
- 32.) Volleyball
- 33.) Weightlifting
- 34.) Wrestling
- 35.) Wushu

The Center shall also include facilities and amenities for the following:

- a.) Administration Building
- b.) Dormitory for Athletes, Coaches and Referees
- c.) Sports and Science Building
- d.) Dining Hall
- e.) Recreation Hall
- f.) Sports Library
- g.) Conference Rooms

Any other sports, not listed above shall be made part of the Center's sports training and development program, as deemed significant and necessary by the Philippine Sports Commission.

**SECTION 6. Ownership, Administration, Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Center.** -The ownership of the property over which the sports facilities and amenities of the Center will be established is hereby vested to the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), an agency of the government in charge of promoting and developing amateur sports.

Upon completion of the construction of sports facilities and amenities of the Center, the PSC, is likewise vested with authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain the same including but not limited to administration of incidental income, security of the complex, assignment of personnel to manage and operate the complex. *Provided*, that the PSC shall employ professional and highly-skilled managers with long and vast experience in sports administration and management to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the Center and its facilities and other amenities.

**SECTION 7. PRESIDENTIAL LAND GRANT.** - The provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, the President, upon the recommendation of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority and the Clark International Airport Corporation, shall grant by donation and transfer to the Philippine Sports Commission, portions of land within Clark for the establishment of the National Sports Training Center.

