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| TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS   |          |                  |  |  |
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| COMMITTEE  | MEASURES |                  | SUBJECT MATTER   | ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION   |
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| Games and Amusements (Technical Working Group)                                   | HB 4843  | Rep. Batocabe    | Strengthening the Games and Amusements Board (GAB)   | <p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by PBA Party-List Rep. Mark Aeron Sambar, will deliberate further on HB 4843 in its next meeting.</p> <p>The TWG agreed to use GAB's version of the bill as its working draft.</p> <p>Among the recommendations that were considered by the TWG were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the definition of "professional sports or competitions" and "professional athlete" (Sec. 2);</li> <li>• Grant GAB the authority to reduce the 45-day rest period required of boxers, wrestlers, or fighters reckoning from the date of their last fight or bout to not less than 30 days subject to certain conditions (Sec. 23);</li> <li>• Replace the proposed Athletes' Welfare Fund with a Trust Fund to cover all professional athletes and not only boxers (Sec. 30);</li> <li>• Identify the quasi-judicial powers of GAB in a separate provision.</li> </ul> <p>Rep. Rodel Batocabe (Party-List, AKO BICOL) stressed the need to clearly define the quasi-judicial powers of GAB in order to strengthen its mandate as a regulatory body.</p> <p>GAB Commissioner Mario Masanguid and Legal Service Chief Ermar Benitez supported this recommendation saying that with quasi-judicial powers, GAB will be able to enforce the law more effectively.</p> <p>Rep. Sambar suggested a review of the respective powers and jurisdiction of both the local government units (LGUs) and GAB over gaming activities.</p> |
| Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (Technical Working Group) | HB 115   | Rep. Baguilat    | Recognizing, protecting and strengthening the indigenous peoples and local communities conserved areas and territories (ICCA), acknowledging their contribution to biodiversity conservation and protection of key biodiversity areas, establishing for the purpose the National ICCA Registry | <p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Ifugao Rep. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., will deliberate further on HB 115 in its next meeting.</p> <p>Taking off from the discussion during the previous meeting, the TWG proceeded to discuss Sections 11 to 25 of the bill.</p>  |

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| <p>Continuation...<br/>Indigenous<br/>Cultural<br/>Communities<br/>and Indigenous<br/>Peoples<br/>(Technical<br/>Working Group)</p> |  |  |  | <p>Rep. Baguilat reminded the TWG that apart from the recognition of the indigenous peoples (IPs) and indigenous cultural communities' (ICCs) right to self-determination, the bill should give primordial importance to the conservation and protection of the ICCAs.</p> <p>The TWG agreed to specify in the bill that the intellectual property rights of IPs and ICCs on information, such as those involving indigenous knowledge and tradition-based practices, creations and innovations, that they have submitted or were obtained from them as part of the proposed National ICCA Registry will be protected.</p> <p>It also agreed that customary laws and traditional conflict resolution mechanisms may be applied in resolving conflicts within the ICCA. However, this will not prevent government agencies from filing appropriate cases in regular courts especially in cases involving non-IP offenders.</p> <p>National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Commissioner Norberto Navarro expressed the NCIP's interest in managing the National ICCA Registry.</p> <p>The NCIP was asked to submit a revised version of Section 23 (Prohibited Acts) of the bill.</p> |
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