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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 218

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on FEB 05 2020
Re: House Bill No. 6192
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Number 3860
Sponsors: Representatives Eric M. Martinez, Tyrone D. Agabas and Angelo Marcos Barba

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which was referred House Bill No. 3860 introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:

AN ACT
PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 6192, entitled:

AN ACT
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Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC M. MARTINEZ
Chairperson
Committee on Youth and Sports Development

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6192
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3860)


AN ACT
PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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 "Philippine Indigenous Games Preservation Act".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – Article II, Section 22 of the Constitution provides that the State shall recognize and promote the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development. Furthermore, Article 31.1 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples enjoins all State signatories to take effective measures to recognize and to protect the exercise of the indigenous peoples' rights which include the maintenance, control, and development of their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and traditional expression, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games, among others.

Pursuant to the aforesaid mandates, it is incumbent upon the State to lay down specific policy directives to promote the interest of our indigenous peoples, and strengthen our cultural heritage and historical roots. The State shall take the necessary steps to preserve the indigenous peoples' games which serve as the best avenue for their self-expression, and for promoting peace, harmony, goodwill and camaraderie among them.

SEC. 3. Indigenous Games. – The term "indigenous games" refer to the traditional sports and games or activities inherent to the different indigenous cultural communities that reflect the rich
cultural heritage, traditions or customs handed down from generation to generation such as tribal
archery, blowpipe, sibat, dug-out canoe race, rock balancing, sumpit, sungka, kadang-kadang and
other games distinct to the indigenous communities.

SEC. 4. Annual Regional and National Indigenous Games. – The Philippine Sports
Commission (PSC), in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the local
government units (LGUs), shall conduct annual regional and national indigenous sports
competitions.

The host LGU, in consultation with the concerned indigenous cultural communities, shall have
the prerogative to choose which sports shall be included in the regional and national indigenous
sports competitions.

SEC. 5. Other Means of Preserving the Indigenous Games. – The National Commission
for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), the
National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), in coordination with the Department of Education
(DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Philippine Information Agency
(PIA), shall initiate measures to preserve indigenous games in the country, such as the inclusion of
games as part of the curriculum in the basic and higher education system of schools, the production
of documentary or other useful means, and the conduct of regular demonstration of such games in
the Palarong Pambansa and in other national sports events, and in appropriate school activities.

The NCCA shall likewise conduct research on the various sports traditionally played by
different indigenous groups to ensure their preservation and development.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The PSC and the POC as the lead
agencies, in coordination with the NCCA, NCIP, DepEd, CHED, PIA, and LGUs, shall promulgate
the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its
effectivity.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or
unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and
regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified
or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

1-23-20
FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6192
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3860)

(Approved by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on December 17, 2019)

Philippine Indigenous Games Preservation


Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON YOUTH & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson: Rep. Eric M. Martinez

OBJECTIVE:

- To preserve the rich cultural heritage of Filipino indigenous peoples and promote the significance of traditional games in uplifting the well-being especially of the youth.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Includes traditional sports and games such as tribal archery, blowpipe, javelin, dug-out canoe race, rock balancing, sumpit, sungka and kadang-kadang;

- Mandates the Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee, and the local government units to conduct annual regional and national indigenous sports competitions;

- Directs the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education to include indigenous games as part of the curriculum in the basic and higher education system;

- Requires the inclusion of indigenous games as regular demonstration sports in the Palarong Pambansa and in other national sports events; and

- Grants the host local government unit, in consultation with the indigenous cultural communities, the prerogative to choose the sports events to be played during the regional and national indigenous sports competitions.

RELATED LAWS:

Republic Act No. 6847 (Philippine Sports Commission Act of 1990)
Republic Act No. 10588 (Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013)
Republic Act No. 10533 (Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013)