



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1173

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ZUBIRI, GULLAS AND DEFENSOR (M)

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### AN ACT DECLARING ARNIS AS THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL SPORT

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

1           SECTION 1.   Arnis is hereby declared as the Philippine National Sport.

2           SEC. 2.   *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to inculcate  
3 patriotism, nationalism and appreciation of the role of the national heroes and  
4 symbol in the historical development of the country. Furthermore, the State  
5 must give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports  
6 to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote  
7 total human liberation and development.

8           SEC. 3.   *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of  
9 Education and the Philippine Sports Commission shall promulgate the  
10 necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

1           SEC. 4. *Provisions.* – The official adoption of Arnis as the National  
2 Sport shall be promulgated by inscribing the symbol of Arnis in the Official  
3 Seal of the Philippine Sports Commission.

4           SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any provision of law, decree, executive  
5 order, rule and regulation in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions and/or  
6 purposes of this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7           SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
8 its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* and in at least two newspapers  
9 of general circulation.

Approved,

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