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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING LOCAL SPORTS PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP YOUNG
ATHLETES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the Constitution
2 provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports
3 programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international
4 competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of
5 a healthy and alert citizenry.

6 Pursuant to the aforementioned policy, the State shall appropriate funds for the
7 upgrade of sports facilities and extend financial assistance in the form of sports vouchers
8 to mitigate the cost of participation in a sports club, recreation club, or sports
9 organization of their choice: *Provided,* That the sports club, recreation club, or sports
10 organization is duly accredited by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

11 SEC. 2. *Program Funds.* – To further promote sports and its benefits among the
12 youth, the PSC shall allocate adequate resources to financially support the affiliation of
13 young athletes in local sports club, recreation club, or sports organizations which facilities
14 and activities can provide them the proper venue and opportunities for training and
15 competition. For this purpose, the PSC shall manage and administer three (3) separate
16 funds, as follows:
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18 a) *Get Started Fund.* – The fund shall be used to assist young athletes,
19 including those with disabilities as well as athletes who cannot afford to
20 join any local sports club, recreation club, or sports organization by reason
21 of financial constraints. Young athletes shall be provided with a discount
22 voucher of up to Three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) annually to help pay
23 for their registration, membership, participation, and training fees. The
24 vouchers can be redeemed at a sports club, recreation club, or sports
25 organization registered with the program;
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27 b) *Get Going Fund.* – The fund shall be used to support local sports clubs,
28 recreation clubs, and sports organizations with funding of up to Fifty
29 thousand pesos (P50,000.00) annually for projects and programs that

1 provide opportunities for more young athletes to become involved in
2 sports; and

3 c) *Get Playing Fund.* – The fund shall provide up to Five hundred thousand
4 pesos (P500,000.00) annually in order to assist local sports clubs, recreation
5 clubs, and sports organizations in improving sports facilities and encourage
6 more young athletes to become actively involved in the sports activity of
7 their choice.

8 SEC. 3. *Eligibility Criteria.* – To avail of the sports voucher, the young athlete must be:

- 9 a. Under the age of eighteen (18) and is actively engaged in any sports;
- 10 b. A member of any recognized or duly accredited local sports club,
11 recreation club, or sports organization; and
- 12 c. A resident in the locality where the sports club, recreation club, or sports
13 organization is located.

14 SEC. 4. *Conditions for the Use of the Voucher.* – The use of the sports voucher shall
15 be governed by the following conditions:

- 16 a. It shall not be redeemable for cash;
- 17 b. It is non-transferable to any person except to another local sports club,
18 recreation club, or sports organization;
- 19 c. It is transferable to another local sports club, recreation club, or sports
20 organization only once a year: *Provided*, That the transfer is applied for
21 prior to the actual use and enjoyment of the sports facilities;
- 22 d. It cannot be reused once redeemed by the local sports club, recreation
23 club, or sports organization; and
- 24 e. Only one (1) voucher shall be payable to an eligible athlete per calendar
25 year.

26 SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The initial amount necessary for the implementation of this
27 Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the PSC. Thereafter,
28 such amount shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

29 SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The PSC shall, in consultation with
30 various national sports associations, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement
31 the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

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

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

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

Approved,