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**AN ACT  
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847,  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 6847 which created the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) was enacted in 1990 to serve as the country's direct arm in cultivating an amateur and/or grassroots sports program and in assisting in the training and development of our national athletes. Almost three (3) decades since the PSC was created, we have seen our Filipino athletes emerge triumphant in some of the world's biggest sporting events. More recently, weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, gymnast Carlos Yulo, skateboarder Margielyn Didal, pole vaulter EJ Obiena, and boxer Eumir Marcial to name a few have become household names due to their respective international successes.

This is despite PSC getting a small share in government funds when compared to other agencies. This restricts their desire to expand their objective of promoting sports in all corners of the country as their limited budget cannot fund infrastructure for sport facilities, complexes, and centers.

While the recent signing of Republic Act No. 11214 (Philippine Sports Training Center) and Republic Act No. 11470 (National Academy of Sports) – which this representation helped pass into law – should be a welcome development for the PSC, there is still a need to empower the only agency dedicated for amateur sports promotion to enable them to reach more young and aspiring Filipino athletes.

The proposed measure will amend a function of the PSC and enable them to formulate and implement a multi-year infrastructure plan to establish new sports facilities and maintain and develop existing ones in order to suit the constantly evolving needs of our Filipino athletes. This would also ensure that young Filipinos will have access to facilities that are at par with standards so that they may hone their skills in preparation of the greater call in the future.

While the country will continue to adapt and face the challenges of this new normal brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we don't abandon sports – especially since this sector espouses many virtues that we need in these trying times such as assertiveness, perseverance, kindness, and fortitude. In fact, we should build upon it by empowering the PSC to be more responsive and proactive.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.



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

1           SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6847 otherwise known as the "The  
2 Philippine Sports Commission Act" , is hereby further amended to read as follows:  
3           "Sec. 5. Nature of the Commission. – The Commission shall  
4 exercise corporate powers. It shall have a seal, may sue and be  
5 sued, and shall be the sole-policy making and coordinating body of  
6 all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the  
7 Philippines: *Provided*, That in the case of school sports  
8 development program, the same shall be formulated and  
9 implemented by the [~~Department of Education, Culture and Sports~~  
10 (~~DECS~~)] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)** [~~with the~~  
11 ~~assistance of the Commission within the framework of the national~~  
12 ~~sports development program~~] **FOR BASIC EDUCATION AND**  
13 **THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR**  
14 **TERTIARY EDUCATION IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH**  
15 **THE COMMISSION."**

1 SEC. 2. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 "Sec. 6. Objectives of the Commission. – The objectives of the  
4 Commission are:

5 XXX XXX XXX

6 "(b) To encourage wide participation of all sectors, government  
7 and private, in amateur sports promotion and development; [~~and~~]"

8 "(c) To supplement government appropriations for sports  
9 promotion and development[~~;~~]; **AND**"

10 **"(D) TO PROMOTE GRASSROOTS AND AMATEUR SPORTS**  
11 **IN THE COUNTRY BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SPORTS**  
12 **FACILITIES AND VENUES."**

13 SEC. 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 "Sec. 7. Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall have  
16 the following functions:

17 XXX XXX XXX

18 "(a) Plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports  
19 promotion and development program for the country[~~, including~~  
20 ~~the program for the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports: 1990-~~  
21 ~~2000, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 406,]~~ in  
22 coordination with various sectors involved in sports, including,  
23 among others, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the National  
24 Sports Associations, the public and private schools, government  
25 corporations and entities, the local governments, the Armed Forces  
26 of the Philippines, and other sports organizations and private  
27 corporations;"

28 XXX XXX XXX

29 **"(d) FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A MULTI-YEAR**  
30 **INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN WHICH WILL [E]establish NEW,**  
31 **ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, AND** fully-equipped sports  
32 facilities, **SPORTS COMPLEXES** and **SPORT** centers in strategic

1 places in the country [~~and, as far as practicable, such modern~~  
2 ~~sports complexes~~] adequate for major international competitions  
3 **AND DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN EXISTING SPORTS**  
4 **FACILITIES, SPORTS COMPLEXES AND SPORTS CENTERS**  
5 **OWNED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED,**  
6 **THAT THE ABOVEMENTIONED PLAN SHALL BE**  
7 **FORMULATED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE**  
8 **EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT;"**

9 XXX XXX XXX

10 "(j) Recommend and propose to the [~~Department of Education,~~  
11 ~~Culture and Sports~~] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Department  
12 of Local Government and other government agencies and  
13 instrumentalities having sports programs, to incorporate in their  
14 respective annual budgets, a separate and specific budget for  
15 sports promotion and development;"

16 XXX XXX XXX

17 "(m) Encourage, promote and sustain the creation and  
18 establishment of regional, provincial, municipal and barangay or  
19 school district sports promotion and development councils,  
20 composed of officials of the [~~Department of Education, Culture and~~  
21 ~~Sports,~~] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Department of Local  
22 Government, local government officials, and representatives of the  
23 private sector, which shall initiate, conduct and coordinate sports  
24 activities in their respective jurisdictions; and"

25 SEC. 4. Section 26 of Republic Act No. 6847 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 "Sec. 26. Funding. – In order to provide the necessary funds  
28 required for the organizational and initial calendar year of  
29 operational expenditures of the Commission, the amount of  
30 Twenty-five million pesos (P25,000,000.00) from the National  
31 Treasury is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That operating  
32 expenses for the Commission itself shall not exceed twenty percent

1 (20%) of the annual appropriation and that at least eighty percent  
2 (80%) of said annual appropriation and all of the national sports  
3 development funds, as hereinafter provided, shall be disbursed for  
4 the national sports program, particularly in support of the  
5 identification, recruitment and training of athletes in pre-regional,  
6 regional, national and international competitions[~~, including the~~  
7 ~~implementation of the Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports:~~  
8 ~~1990-2000~~].

9 "To finance the country's integrated sports development program,  
10 including the holding of the national games and all other sports  
11 competitions at all levels throughout the country as well as the  
12 country's participation at international sports competitions, such as,  
13 but not limited to, the Olympic, Asian, and Southeast Asian Games,  
14 and all other international competitions, sanctioned by the  
15 International Olympic Committee and the International  
16 Federations, thirty percent (30%) representing the charity fund of  
17 the proceeds of six (6) sweepstakes or lottery draws per annum,  
18 taxes on horse races during special holidays, five percent (5%) of  
19 the gross income of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming  
20 Corporation, the proceeds from the sale of stamps as hereinafter  
21 provided, and three percent (3%) of all taxes collected on imported  
22 athletic equipment shall be automatically remitted directly to the  
23 Commission and are hereby constituted as the National Sports  
24 Development Fund. Further, the Philippine Postal Service Office is  
25 hereby authorized to print paper and gold stamps which shall  
26 depict sports events and such other motif as the Philippine Postal  
27 Service Office may decide, at the expense of the Commission. Any  
28 deficiency in the financial requirements of the Commission for its  
29 sports development program **AS WELL AS FOR THE**  
30 **IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MULTI-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE**  
31 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS STATED UNDER SECTION 3(D) OF**

1           **THIS ACT** shall be [covered] **AUGMENTED** by an annual  
2           appropriation passed by Congress.”

3           SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
4           unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full  
5           force and effect.

6           SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and  
7           regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
8           repealed or modified accordingly

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

*Approved,*