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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

**AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699 OR THE "NATIONAL
ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT", THEREBY
PROVIDING EQUAL CASH INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AND
ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES WHO WIN MEDALS IN INTERNATIONAL
SPORTS COMPETITIONS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act", was enacted in November 2015. The law repealed Republic Act No. 9064 or the "Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" to increase twice over the amount of cash incentives for national athletes who win gold, silver and bronze medals in international competitions and bring honor and pride to the country.

However, under Section 8 of RA 10699, Paralympians who will be able to secure first, second or third place finish in the world stage will only be entitled to half of the cash incentives when compared to their Olympic counterparts. As provided therein:

- a) Gold medalists in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games will get P10 million, while gold medalists in the Paralympic Games will receive P5 million.

- b) Silver medalists in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games will get P5 million, while silver medalists in the Paralympic Games will receive P2.5 million.
- c) Bronze medalists in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games will get P2 million, while bronze medalists in the Paralympic Games will receive P1 million.

The same is true for the Asian and Southeast Asian sports meet, wherein athletes with disabilities are entitled to only half of the incentives when compared to their able-bodied peers.

This proposed measure seeks to remedy the discrepancy of financial benefits among our national athletes who demonstrate the same level of commitment, hard work, and excellence in sports. The amendment promotes equality and inclusivity in the discipline, as it recognizes their common achievements in prestigious competitions and the inspiration they bring to the Filipino people.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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

1 Section 1. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10699, otherwise known as the
2 "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act", is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "SEC. 8. *Cash Incentives for Athletes.* — National athletes and
5 other athletes who are not officially or currently members of the
6 national training pool but who have otherwise represented the country
7 in international sports competitions, who win gold, silver and bronze
8 medals in international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash
9 incentives in the following amounts:

10 "(a) Individual Events

11 "(1) For Gold Medalists:

12 "(i) Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) and an
13 Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be issued by the PSC
14 for Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic Games,
15 and **PARALYMPIC GAMES;**

1 “(ii) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) and an
2 Olympic Gold Medal of Valor to be issued by the PSC
3 for Youth Olympic Games [~~and Paralympic Games~~];
4 “(iii) Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Asian
5 Games, Asian Winter Games, **ASIAN PARA**
6 **GAMES**, and Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games;
7 “(iv) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for [~~Asian~~
8 ~~Para Games and~~] World-level competitions held at
9 least every two years with at least forty-five (45)
10 countries participating;
11 “(v) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for
12 Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions
13 held at least every two (2) years with at least
14 twenty-five (25) countries participating, and
15 qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-
16 level games; **AND**,
17 “(vi) Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00)
18 for SEA Games **AND ASEAN PARA GAMES.** [~~and~~]
19 [~~(vii) One hundred fifty thousand pesos~~
20 ~~(P150,000.00) for ASEAN Para Games.~~]

21 “(2) For Silver Medalists:

22 “(i) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Summer
23 Olympic and Winter Olympic Games **AND**
24 **PARALYMPIC GAMES**;
25 “(ii) Two million five hundred thousand pesos
26 (P2,500,000.00) for Youth Olympic Games [~~and~~
27 ~~Paralympic Games~~];
28 “(iii) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian
29 Games, Asian Winter Games, **ASIAN PARA**
30 **GAMES**, and Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games;
31 “(iv) Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for
32 [~~Asian Para Games and~~] World-level competitions

1 held at least every two (2) years with at least forty-
2 five (45) countries participating;

3 "(v) Two hundred fifty thousand pesos
4 (P250,000.00) for Asian Beach Games, and Asian-
5 level competitions held at least every two (2) years
6 with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating,
7 and qualifying competitions for World-level and
8 Asian-level games;

9 "(vi) One hundred fifty thousand pesos
10 (P150,000.00) for SEA Games **AND ASEAN PARA**
11 **GAMES**~~[-and]~~.

12 ~~"[(vii) Seventy five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for~~
13 ~~ASEAN Para Games.]~~

14 "(3) For Bronze Medalists:

15 "(i) Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for Summer
16 Olympic and Winter Olympic Games **AND**
17 **PARALYMPIC GAMES**;

18 "(ii) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Youth
19 Olympic Games ~~[and Paralympic Games]~~;

20 "(iii) Four hundred thousand pesos (P400,000.00) for
21 Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, **ASIAN PARA**
22 **GAMES**, and Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games;

23 "(iv) Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) for
24 ~~[Asian Para Games and]~~ World-level competitions
25 held at least every two (2) years with at least forty-
26 five (45) countries participating;

27 "(v) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for
28 Asian Beach Games, and Asian-level competitions
29 held at least every two (2) years with at least
30 twenty-five (25) countries participating and
31 qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-
32 level games;

1 “(vi) Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00) for SEA
2 Games **AND ASEAN PARA GAMES** [~~;~~ and].

3 “~~[(vii) Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) for~~
4 ~~ASEAN Para Games.]~~”

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6 Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
7 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
8 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

9 Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
10 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

11 Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
12 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,