



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4513

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AN ACT
PROHIBITING GAME-FIXING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

- 1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Anti Game-Fixing Act".
- 2 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote the growth and
3 development of sports in the country and protect the youth from the influence of persons
4 who, through fraudulent schemes, machinations and other nefarious practices, undermine
5 the true spirit of sportsmanship and taint the fair and competitive conduct of sports in the
6 country.
- 7 Towards this end, the State hereby declares game-fixing, point-shaving, and game
8 machinations in any sports competition unlawful, and imposes severe penalties on these
9 acts to discourage the commission thereof and to promote the values of excellence, fair
10 play, and integrity in Philippine sports.
- 11 SEC. 3. *Game-Fixing.* – Game-fixing in any professional or amateur sports is hereby declared
12 unlawful. Game-fixing refers to any arrangement, agreement, scheme, or act or series of
13 acts, wherein any person or persons, maliciously conduct or cause to be conducted any
14 professional or amateur sports other than on the basis of the honest playing skill or ability
15 of the players or participants or even deliberately limiting the skill or ability of any player
16 or participant in a game, race, or sports competition in order to influence the process or
17 to produce a pre-determined result for purposes of gambling, betting, or as part of a

1 scheme to defraud the public on the conduct and outcome of the game.

2 While proof of actual payment or receipt of money or any valuable consideration is not a
3 requirement to constitute the crime of game-fixing, it shall, however, be deemed a *prima*
4 *facie* evidence of its commission.

5 SEC. 4. *Other Forms of Game-Fixing.* – Game-fixing shall likewise include the following acts:

- 6 (a) Point-shaving refers to any such arrangement, combination, scheme or agreement
7 by which the skill or ability of any player or participant in a game, race or sports
8 competition to make points or scores shall be deliberately limited to influence the
9 result thereof in favor of one or the other team, player or participant therein;
- 10 (b) Game machinations refer to any other fraudulent, deceitful, unfair or dishonest
11 means, method, manner or practice employed for the purpose of influencing the
12 result of any game, race, or sports contest; and
- 13 (c) The act of willfully abetting, aiding, or inducing any person to commit game-fixing
14 and profiting therefrom.

15 SEC. 5. *Game-Fixing by Syndicate.* – Game-fixing is deemed committed by a syndicate if
16 carried out by a group of three (3) or more persons conspiring or confederating with one
17 another to perform the acts specified in Sections 3 and 4 of this Act.

18 SEC. 6. *Covered Sports.* – Game-fixing may be committed in professional or amateur
19 sports. For purposes of this Act, professional sports shall refer to individual or team sports,
20 games, contests, bouts, tournaments or competitions whereby the participating athlete is
21 paid sums of money or other forms of compensation as regular salary or prize for
22 participation.

23 Amateur sports shall refer to individual or team sports, games, contests, bouts,
24 tournaments or competitions, including collegiate leagues conducted by the public or
25 private school athletic associations, whereby the participant is engaged largely or entirely
26 without remuneration.

27 SEC. 7. *Penalties.* – The following penalties are hereby imposed on persons found guilty of
28 game-fixing as herein described:

- 29 (a) The penalty of imprisonment from three (3) years and one (1) day to six (6) years,
30 or a fine of not less than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) but not more than Five

1 million pesos (P5,000,000.00), or both at the discretion of the court shall be
2 imposed upon any person, other than those referred to in sub-paragraphs b, c, d,
3 and e, found guilty of any offense defined herein;

4 (b) The penalty of imprisonment from six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years
5 or a fine of not less than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) but not more than Five
6 million pesos (P5,000,000.00), or both at the discretion of the court, when the
7 offender is an athlete, promoter, referee, umpire, judge, or coach;

8 (c) The penalty of life imprisonment or a fine of not less than Ten million pesos
9 (P10,000,000.00) but not more than Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) or both at
10 the discretion of the court, when the offender is a member of a syndicate as
11 defined in Section 5 of this Act;

12 (d) The maximum penalty provided under this Act shall be imposed:

13 (1) If the offender is a public officer, whether elected or appointed. The accessory
14 penalty of perpetual disqualification from holding any public office or
15 employment shall likewise be imposed;

16 (2) If the offender is the partner, president, director, manager, trustee, estate
17 administrator or officer of a partnership, corporation, association or any juridical
18 entity, who directly participated, consented or knowingly tolerated the game-
19 fixing shall be held criminally liable as a principal; and

20 (3) If the offender is an alien, deportation shall be imposed only after the service of
21 sentence.

22 (e) The liability of students who are minors found to have violated any of the offense
23 defined herein shall be limited only to administrative liability pursuant to the
24 disciplinary rules and regulations of the school or institution to which they belong.

25 SEC. 8. *Proposal, Attempt, and Conspiracy to Commit Game-Fixing.* – The penalty of
26 imprisonment from one (1) year to three (3) years, or a fine of not less than Five hundred
27 thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00), or
28 both, at the discretion of the court shall be imposed upon any person who proposes,
29 attempts, or conspires to commit game-fixing.

30 SEC. 9. *Perpetual Disqualification from Participation in Amateur and Professional*
31 *Sports.* – The following persons shall be perpetually disqualified to participate in any
32 competitive sport:

- 1 (a) Those engaged in professional sports if convicted by final judgment of
2 game-fixing; and
- 3 (b) Those engaged in amateur sports if convicted by final judgment for the
4 second time. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Games and
5 Amusements Board (GAB), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission
6 on Higher Education (CHED), and other concerned agencies shall be served
7 copies of the decision and order the disqualification of a person from
8 participating in whatever capacity in any sports in the country.

9 SEC. 10. *Roles of Concerned Agencies.* – The following agencies and instrumentalities are
10 mandated to perform the following tasks:

- 11 (a) The GAB shall revoke the license of professional athletes and other sports
12 officials. The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Games and
13 Amusements Board may, in a separate administrative proceeding, suspend or
14 revoke the professional license of any person found guilty of violation of other
15 applicable laws, rules and regulations;
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- 17 (b) The PSC shall remove athletes from the national team, including coaches and
18 other sports officials, ban athletes from participating in all PSC-organized and-
19 sanctioned amateur sports competitions, and disqualify athletes, coaches and
20 officials from being nominated for, or from receiving, any award pursuant to
21 Republic Act No. 8757, otherwise known as the "Philippine Sports Hall of Fame
22 Act", or any award that may be given in the future;
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- 24 (c) The DepEd shall ban primary and secondary level student-athletes including
25 coaches and officiating staff, from participating in the *Palarong Pambansa* and
26 other DepEd-sponsored, sanctioned or organized sports events or
27 competitions;
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- 29 (d) The Philippine Olympic Committee and the National Sports Associations shall
30 remove athletes, coaches and other sports officials from their respective
31 rosters;
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- 33 (e) Athletic associations shall disqualify athletes, coaches and other sports officials
34 from participating in any inter-school athletic programs and competitions; and
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- 36 (f) Schools shall disqualify athletes, coaches and other sports officials from
37 representing the school in any sports event.

38 The concerned agencies shall coordinate and monitor the strict implementation of the
39 accessory penalty provided under Section 9.

- 1 SEC. 11. *Witness Protection*. – Any person who voluntarily discloses the commission of game-
2 fixing, or testifies, or assists in the prosecution thereof, shall be exempt from any liability
3 for game-fixing, and may be admitted to the Witness Protection Program under Republic
4 Act No. 6981, otherwise known as the “Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act”.
- 5 SEC. 12. *Separability Clause*. – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
7 effect.
- 8 SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause*. – The pertinent provisions on game-fixing, point-shaving and
9 game machinations in sports contests under Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Presidential Decree
10 No. 483, as amended, and under Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1602, are hereby
11 repealed. All other laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations
12 inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified
13 or repealed accordingly.
- 14 SEC. 14. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,