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**AN ACT
GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO
ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTIES BY OTHER MODES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11214, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "PHILIPPINE SPORTS TRAINING CENTER ACT"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to promote and develop sports in the country and to achieve excellence in international sports competitions. This is in line with Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which provides that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

To further this policy, President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law Republic Act No. 11214 (Philippine Sports Training Center Act) last February 14, 2019, establishing the Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC). Section 3 of the law provides that "after a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary sports facilities and amenities, which are at par with international standards, shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months in a location suitable and conducive to high-level training of athletes, coaches, and referees." Section 6 of the Act also vested the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) with the authority to administer, manage, operate and maintain the PSTC.

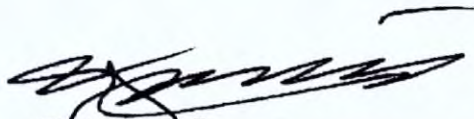

In line with the provisions of R.A. No. 11214, President Rodrigo Duterte led the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the PSTC in Mariveles, Bataan, last June 17, 2022. The infrastructure is slated to be completed by December 31, 2025.

Meanwhile, the Philippines has another world-class sports facility – the New Clark City Sports Complex – which previously hosted the 30th South East Asian Games last November 30 2019 to December 11, 2019. The New Clark City Sports Complex already has facilities which can be used in accordance with the objectives of R.A. No. 11214. The PSTC can therefore use the existing facilities of the New Clark City to further implement the provisions of R.A. No. 11214.

However, Section 7 of the same law restricts the modes for transfer of title of the land over which PSTC is established. Currently, the provision does not indicate usufructuary rights of PSTC over land which it may establish as a sports complex.

This bill proposes the amendment of Section 7 of the law which will allow PSC to use the New Clark City Sports Complex as the PSTC considering that it is already a state-of-the-art facility capable of being a highly scientific sports center. The New Clark City Sports Complex will be used as an additional facility to the one being constructed in Bataan.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this 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 7 of Republic Act No. 11214, otherwise known as the
2 "Philippine Sports Training Center Act", is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Sec. 7. Ownership of the Philippine Sports Training Center. – The
4 ownership of the PSTC, including its sports facilities and amenities, is
5 hereby vested upon the PSC.

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7 The Title of the land **OR USE THEREOF THROUGH USUFRUCT** over
8 which the PSTC is established shall be transferred to the PSC in
9 accordance with law either by [~~grant, donation, or payment of just~~
10 ~~compensation~~] **ONEROUS OR GRATUITOUS TITLE.**"

11 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
12 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,