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COMMITTEE REPORT NO.

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; Finance; and
Ways and Means on 23 SEP 1999

Re : Senate Bill No. 1734, prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 877 and 1253, taking into
consideration S. No. 1342.

Sponsors : Senators Jaworski, Osmeña (J.), Enrile, Revilla and Sotto III.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; Finance; and Ways and Means to
which were referred Senate Bill No. 877, introduced by Senator Revilla, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY
BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO FILIPINO ATHLETES
WHO HAVE GARNERED GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE
MEDALS IN THE OFFICIAL WORLD OLYMPICS, ASIAN
GAMES, WORLD CUP, SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES,
ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, SOUTH EAST ASIAN
CHAMPIONSHIP AND OTHER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
COMPETITIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

and Senate Bill No. 1253, introduced by Senators Sotto III and Jaworski, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO FILIPINO ATHLETES
AND COACHES FOR WINNING IN REGIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"

taking into consideration S. No. 1342, introduced by Senator Jaworski, entitled:

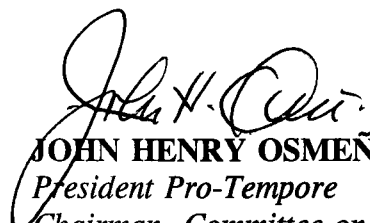
**"AN ACT
INSTITUTING THE TWENTY-FIRST (21st) CENTURY
NATIONAL POLICY ON SPORTS TO ACHIEVE HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, CREATING
FOR THIS PURPOSE, A SOLE GOVERNMENT BODY
THAT SHALL PROMOTE AND REGULATE PHILIPPINE
SPORTS, DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS,
RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

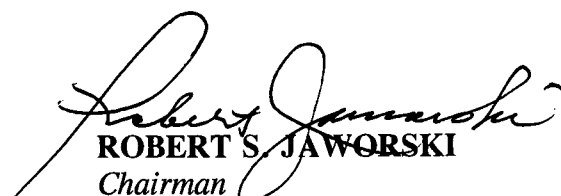
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S. No. 1734, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

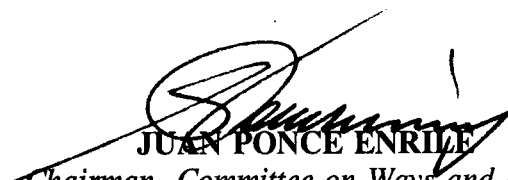
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be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 877 and 1253, taking into consideration S. No. 1342 with Senators Revilla, Sotto III, Jaworski, Osmeña (J.) and Enrile as authors thereof.

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S. No. 1734

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(In substitution of S. Nos. 877 and 1253, taking into consideration S. No. 1342)

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with Senators Revilla, Sotto III, Jaworski, Osmeña (J.) and Enrile as authors

AN ACT
GRANTING CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO
NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the " National Athletes, Coaches
2 and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 1999 ".

3 **SEC. 2. Statement of Policy.** - The State shall promote excellence in sports by providing
4 for the welfare and development needs of national athletes, coaches and trainers competing for
5 the country and particular benefits and incentives for those who have brought honor and
6 recognition by winning awards and prizes in the Olympics, Asian Games, World Cup, Southeast
7 Asian Games, and other regional and world sports competitions.

8 **SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be
9 defined as follows:

10 a. *National Athletes* - refer to athletes who are Filipino citizens, members of the
11 national training pool, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC)
12 and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and who represent the country in regional or world
13 sports competitions;

14 b. *National Coaches/Trainers* - refer to coaches/trainers who are Filipino citizens,
15 members of the national coaches/trainers pool, recognized and accredited by the PSC and who
16 represent the country in regional or world sports competitions as official coaches/trainers to
17 national athletes;

1 c. *International Championships* - refer to the international sporting championships held
2 as side event or qualifying matches to the Olympic Games;

3 d. *International Federation* - shall refer to the duly recognized international
4 non-government organizations administering sports at world level and encompassing organization
5 administering such sports at a national level;

6 e. *International Competitions* - As defined, the term shall pertain to international sports
7 competitions which are recognized by International Sports Federations, recognized international
8 sports federations, such as World Olympics, World Cup, Asian Games, Asian Championships,
9 Southeast Asian Championships, Asian Basketball Cup (ABC);

10 **SEC. 4. *Benefits and Privileges.*** - Any national athlete, coach or trainer who is
11 currently registered as such before the PSC shall be entitled to the following:

12 a. the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the
13 utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments, restaurants and
14 recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment anywhere in the country;

15 b. minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charges by theaters,
16 cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals, and other similar places of culture, leisure
17 and amusement;

18 c. free medical and dental consultations in private or public hospitals and similar
19 establishments anywhere in the country and medical insurance program to be provided by the
20 Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC);

21 d. the Social Security System is hereby mandated to formulate, at the earliest possible
22 time, a comprehensive social security program for national athletes after their tenure from
23 government service;

24 e. existing livelihood programs being undertaken by various government agencies may
25 be availed of by national athletes and they shall enjoy priority subject to the guidelines and
26 qualifications by the implementing body;

f. the National Housing Authority (NHA) or the Home Mutual Development Fund shall prioritize, in its national housing programs, affordable "pabahay" loans and such other housing opportunities to eligible and deserving athletes.

Such privately-owned establishments shall enjoy tax credits equivalent to the discounts extended to the athletes.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall as soon as possible provide for the implementing rules and regulations of this Section.

SEC. 5. Scholarships. - The winning athlete or any one qualified member of his/her immediate family shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of tuition fees in State Colleges and Universities in order to complete a college or university degree. The winning athlete shall likewise be given priority in the availment of State College and University scholarship grants.

Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning athletes who seek scholarship grants and study under their programs subject to the qualifications for all applicants.

Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar program in their schools for winning Philippines athletes.

SEC. 6. Retirement Benefits. - Any national athlete, coach or trainer who has won a championship as defined under this Act shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incentives computed from the start of his active sports career as a member of the national training pool up to the day of retirement from active competition. Such lump sum amount shall be extended to the national athlete sixty days after the filing of the retirement papers.

SEC. 7. Cash Incentives. - Filipino athletes who have brought honor and prestige to the country by winning gold, silver and bronze medals in the World Olympics, Southeast Asian Games (SEAG), Asian and other World Championship Games shall be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

A. Individuals in Individual Competitions

1. For Gold Medalists - Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00)
2. For Silver Medalists - Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00)
3. For Bronze Medalist - Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00)

B. Individuals in Team Competitions

1. For Gold Medalists - Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00)
2. For Silver Medalists - Seventy Five Thousand Pesos (P75,000.00)
3. For Bronze Medalist - Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00)

SEC. 8. *Qualification for Winning Athletes.* - Only athletes duly registered with the Philippine Sports Commission as members of the National Sports Amateur Training Pool, and those who have participated and won in international competitions prior to the creation of the Training Pool under R. A. 6847, shall be entitled to the incentives provided for in this Act; *Provided,* That nothing herein shall prevent any Filipino athlete who have brought honor and prestige to the country, as defined and stated under this Act, to claim any benefits and/or incentives provided hereunder.

SEC. 9. *Incentives for Coaches and Trainers.* - Coaches and trainers accredited with the Philippine Sports Commission or any recognized international coaches' association shall also be entitled to cash awards if they have personally trained and rendered service to the athletes at least one (1) year prior to and during the competition wherein the athletes, trained by said coaches or trainer, won an award or awards. The individual athlete's certification to this effect shall be in writing.

The incentives for the coaches shall be equivalent to fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) of the cash awards for gold, silver and bronze medalists, respectively. In case of team events, the coaches shall be entitled to the same cash awards as those given to every athlete or member of the team.

There is hereby created a body to formulate a system for the accreditation of coaches or trainers. It shall be composed of a representative from the PSC, POC, and at least a professor from the academic community engage in physical education or human kinetics as the third party.

1 **SEC. 10. *Adjustment of Cash Incentives.*** - The PSC is hereby authorized to adjust the
2 schedule of incentives in Section 7 hereof, based on studies, consultations and public hearings
3 with relevant agencies: *Provided*, That the adjustment would reflect the economic needs of the
4 athletes; *Provided, further*, That no memoranda, orders, or any issuances shall diminish the
5 prescribed schedule of incentives: *Provided, finally*, That donations and gifts from private
6 institutions or groups shall be construed to be distinct and separate from the cash incentives
7 provided herein.

8 **SEC. 11. *Funding.*** - The Cash and Retirement Program under this Act shall be charge
9 to the appropriations of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) under the National Sports
10 Development Fund with initial funding from the Contingency Fund of the Office of the President
11 in the General Appropriations Act.

12 **SEC. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Chairman of the Philippine
13 Sports Commission, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports and the
14 Philippine Olympic Committee, is hereby authorized to promulgate the implementing rules and
15 regulations of this Act not later than sixty days after the approval of this Act.

16 **SEC. 13. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part of this Act, or the application
17 thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections
18 of this Act or the application of such provision or part hereof to other persons or circumstance
19 shall remain in full force and effect.

20 **SEC. 14. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and
21 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
22 amended or modified accordingly.

23 **SEC. 15. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and
24 publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation,
25 whichever comes earlier.

26 Approved,