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AN ACT
RECOGNIZING AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ATHLETES FROM
THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

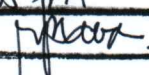
Sports play a significant role in promoting unity, fostering healthy competition, and inspiring a community's pride. Recognizing the importance of sports in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, this measure aims to honor and provide incentives to exceptional athletes who have achieved success in national and international competitions, thereby bringing pride and honor to the region. Furthermore, this bill seeks to establish a framework for the grant of incentives and resolutions of commendation to these outstanding athletes, fostering the development of sports within the BARMM.

The Bangsamoro Government recognizes the significance of sports in promoting social cohesion and enhancing the well-being of its constituents. It is essential to build upon this foundation by acknowledging the achievements of exceptional athletes and supporting their continued pursuit of excellence.

Recent years have witnessed remarkable accomplishments by athletes from the BARMM, who have excelled in various sports disciplines, representing the region both nationally and internationally. These athletes have brought pride and honor to the BARMM through their exceptional performances and have become role models for aspiring athletes within the region.

In line with the objectives of Republic Act No. 11054, this bill seeks to leverage the provisions of the Bangsamoro Organic Law to establish a framework for the recognition and provision of incentives to these outstanding athletes. By doing so, the bill aims to create an


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environment that encourages sports development, nurtures talent, and inspires future generations to excel in their chosen sports disciplines.

The grant of incentives is a crucial aspect of this bill, as it aims to provide tangible support and recognition to exceptional athletes. The measure provides various incentives for our athletes such as cash rewards, scholarships or educational grants, training programs and facilities, sports equipment and gear, access to sports science and sports medicine services, as well as support for participation in international competitions. The Bangsamoro Sports Commission, the governing body responsible for the promotion, development, and administration of sports activities within the BARMM, will play a central role in supervising and administering these incentives.

It is, therefore, our fervent hope that this bill will receive the support and approval of this esteemed legislative body, as we work towards honoring exceptional athletes, fostering sports development, and shaping a brighter future for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.


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BE IT ENACTED by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Athletes Recognition and Incentives Act of 2023.*”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to recognize and provide incentives to Bangsamoro athletes and their coaches who bring pride and honor to the region through their achievements in international competitions. It shall honor outstanding performances, promote sports development, foster regional pride, and encourage participation in competitions.

Towards this end, it shall endeavor to establish a framework for the grant of incentives to exceptional athletes and their coaches from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. By recognizing their achievements, providing tangible support, and promoting the development of sports, the Bangsamoro Government aims to nurture talent, inspire future generations, and propel the BARMM towards becoming a thriving hub of sporting excellence.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a. International Sports Competitions—refers to international sports competitions which do not grant monetary prizes under the following categories:

1. Regular major competitions such as the Summer Olympic Games, Winter Olympic Games, Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, Youth Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Asian Park Games, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Asian Beach Games, and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Para Games;
 2. World-level championships held at least every two (2) years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating by sport;
 3. Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating by sport; and
 4. Qualifying competitions for World-level games with at least ten (10) countries participating.
- b. **Bangsamoro Athletes** – refers to athletes who are Bangsamoro, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission, including athletes with disabilities who are recognized and accredited by the National Paralympics Committee of the Philippines (NPC Phil) and the PSC and who have represented the country in international sports competitions.

Section 4. Benefits for Bangsamoro Athletes. Exceptional athletes from the BARMM who have achieved significant success in international competitions, who win gold, silver, and/or bronze medals in international sports competitions, shall be eligible to receive incentives as determined by the Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC).

The incentives shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) **Cash rewards:** Bangsamoro athletes shall receive cash rewards based on their level of achievement, with amounts ranging from P100,000 to P1,000,000 or more, depending on the significance of the competition and the athlete's performance.

Higher rewards shall be given for exceptional performances in prestigious competitions, such as the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Southeast Asian Games, and other recognized international tournaments.

- (2) **Scholarships or educational grants:** Scholarships or educational grants shall be granted covering tuition fees, books, and other educational expenses. The scholarships may vary in extent, ranging from full scholarships that cover all expenses to partial scholarships that provide financial assistance for education.
- (3) **Sports equipment and gear:** They shall be provided with high-quality sports equipment and gear. This includes athletic apparel, footwear, training accessories, and specialized equipment relevant to their sports discipline. The quality of the equipment and gear shall be in accordance with international standards and suitable for competitive performance.
- (4) **Support for participation in international competitions:** Bangsamoro athletes shall receive financial support to cover travel, accommodation, competition fees, and other related expenses when representing the country in international sports events.

The financial support shall be provided based on a reasonable estimation of expenses incurred during the competition, ensuring that athletes can focus on their performance without financial constraints.

(c) The Bangsamoro Sports Commission, in consultation with relevant sports associations and organizations, shall establish comprehensive guidelines and transparent criteria for the grant of incentives. These guidelines shall ensure that incentives are awarded based on objective standards of achievement, taking into account the significance of the competition, the athlete's performance, and adherence to fair play and sportsmanship.

Section 5. Administration and Management of the Fund. The Bangsamoro Sports Commission shall be responsible for the administration and management of the fund allocated for the incentives program and sports development initiatives under this Act.

For this purpose, it shall establish a separate account, known as the "Exceptional Bangsamoro Athletes Fund," wherein all monetary resources allocated for the incentives program, donations, sponsorships, and other financial contributions shall be deposited. The Fund shall be utilized solely for the purposes of granting incentives to exceptional athletes and related administrative expenses in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

It may enter into agreements with financial institutions for the efficient management of the Exceptional Athletes Fund, including the collection of sponsorships, donations, and other monetary contributions.

Section 6. Reporting and Accountability. The Bangsamoro Sports Commission shall submit an annual report to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and other relevant government agencies, providing updates on the implementation of the incentives program, sports development initiatives, and the overall progress in nurturing exceptional athletes.

It shall also conduct periodic evaluations and assessments to measure the effectiveness of the incentives program and make necessary adjustments to improve its impact. It shall maintain transparency and accountability in the administration of the incentives program, ensuring that the allocation and distribution of resources are conducted in a fair and impartial manner, free from any form of discrimination or favoritism.

Section 7. Appropriations. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Bangsamoro Sports Commission in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days upon approval of this Act, the Bangsamoro Sports Commission, in coordination with relevant agencies and stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

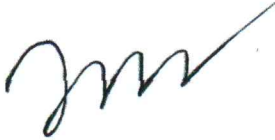
Section 12. Separability Clause. If any section or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, executive orders, administrative orders, or other rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 14. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the region.

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