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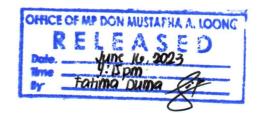
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AN ACT GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO BANGSAMORO ATHLETES IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "The strong (active) believer is better and more beloved to Allah than the weak believer, while there is good in both." The Prophet himself participated in swimming, archery, running, and horseback riding and was said to have encouraged parents to involve their children in these sports.

In 1928, the ninth Olympiad was held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where the first Muslim Olympian by the name of Tuburan Kontong Tamse, a 17-year-old Sulu native, represented and brought honor and glory not only to the Bangsamoro people but to every tongue chanting and praising the Philippine flag, in the swimming competition. This feat of a young Tausog is a testament to how sports-loving the Bangsamoro people were.

With the development in sports both locally and internationally, many of our Bangsamoro athletes are inspired to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Tamse. Many have emerged as champions in various fields of sports, giving pride and honor to the country and the Bangsamoro Community, which deserves the utmost commendation from the Bangsamoro Government and its people.

During the recent conduct of the Southeast Asian Games at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from May 5-17, 2023, three (3) Bangsamoro athletes excelled in different sports events and won medals, which have been afforded due recognition by this parliament via resolutions. They are Ms. Fatimah Ayesha Amirul, who won Gold Medal in Women's soft tennis, Mr. Alnakran Abdilla, who won a bronze medal in Men's Beach Volleyball and Mr. Denmark Abdurasad, also grabbed the bronze medal in the Men's Tanding class D (60-65 kilograms.

However, before any medal or trophies these athletes receive in every sport they participate in, they have undergone intense, nerve-wracking, grueling, and thorough training for years. The dedication and determination they pour in during their training to give us honor and glory are certainly astounding and extraordinary. Perhaps there are more ways to acknowledge and reward their tears and sweat than to give them mere applause and medals. It is important to provide our athletes proper recognition through a system of rewards for their outstanding achievements by including the giving of financial assistance to them, which is the subject matter of this bill.

 According to research, Money has frequently been used as an extrinsic motivator since it is assumed that humans are willing to invest more effort for financial reward. The level and amount of effort in a person will either increase or decrease on the basis of the quality of incentives offered to the person.

Hence, to better provide due and proper recognition to our Bangsamoro athletes, it is earnestly sought that this bill granting cash incentives be passed and approved.

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Republic of the Philippines 1 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao 2 BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY 3 Cotabato City 4 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Minday 5 **BTA PARLIAMENT** 6 7 Second Regular Session 8 Parliament Bill No. 2 0 8 9 10 11 Introduced by 12 MP Engr. Don Mustapha A. Loong, JD, MPSA, CESE 13 14 Co-authored by 15 MPs Atty. Laisa A. Alamia, Benjamin T. Loong, Engr. Baintan A. Ampatuan, Atty. 16 Rasol Y. Mitmug, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto, Rasol E. 17 Ismael, Atty. John Anthony L. Lim, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Michael E. 18 Midtimbang, Hatimil E. Hassan, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Albakil D. Jikiri, 19 Abdulazis M. Amenoden, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Nabila 20 Margarita P. Pangandaman, and Denmartin A. Kahalan 21 22 23 AN ACT 24 GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO BANGSAMORO ATHLETES IN NATIONAL 25 AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS 26 THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES 27 28 29 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled: 30 31 SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Bangsamoro Athletes 32 Incentives Act of 2023". 33 34 **SECTION 2.** *Statement of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the Bangsamoro 35 Government to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league 36 competitions, and amateur sports, including training for regional, national, and 37 international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the 38 development of a healthy and alert citizenry. It shall develop innovative and productive 39 individuals, promote sportsmanship, and cooperation, encourage and support 40 indigenous games, martial arts, and amateur sports. 41 42

Towards this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure to look after the welfare of

the Bangsamoro athletes and coaches for the Bangsamoro Region by providing benefits

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and incentives for Bangsamoro athletes who win in national and international sports competitions and bring honor and recognition to the Bangsamoro Region.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* — For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

a. Athletes with disabilities shall refer to persons with disabilities, as defined under Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons," as amended, who are Filipino citizens and a resident of Bangsamoro Region, recognized and accredited by the Bangsamoro Sports Commission and the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (TESDA) for those who have represented the region in a national athletic sports competition, and by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the National Paralympic Committee of the Philippines (NPC PHIL) for those who have participated in an international sports competitions, and;

b. International sports competitions shall refer to international sports competitions 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 are held at least every two (2) years, with at least forty-five (45) countries participating by sport;

3. Asian-level competitions are 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.

Competitions granting prize money shall not be included.

c. National Sports Competition shall refer to the National Sports Competition under the following:

1. The Palarong Pambansa, an annual interregional competition staged by the Department of Education among the 17 different regions in the country;

- 2. Philippine Youth Games Batang Pinoy, an annual national youth sports development program for athletes aged 15 years old and below; and
- 3. The Philippine National Games (PNG), a national multi-sport tournament in the Philippines designed to determine the composition of national pool athletes that will compete in international tournaments Competitions granting prize money shall not be included.
- d. Bangsamoro athletes shall refer to athletes, including persons with disabilities who are Filipino citizens and residents of any province of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, accredited by the BSC and MBHTE for national Sports Athletic Competition, and members of the national training pool, who are recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the PSC for international sports competition, including athletes with disabilities (AWD) as defined in par. A of this section;
- e. Student-Athlete shall refer to a student currently enrolled in any school who is part of any of the school's athletic teams or programs and who represents or has an intention of representing the school in an interschool athletic program or competition.

SECTION 4. Cash Incentives for Athletes. — In addition to the incentives and benefits that Bangsamoro athletes will receive from the national government in an international sports competition, the Bangsamoro athletes and other athletes who are not officially or currently members of the Bangsamoro training pool but who have otherwise represented the region in national and international sports competitions, who won gold, silver and bronze medals in national and international sports competitions shall be entitled to cash incentives in the following amounts:

a. Individual Events

1. For Gold Medalists:

 i. Five Hundred Thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to be awarded by the BSC for the Summer Olympics, Winter Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, and Paralympic Games;

ii. Three Hundred Thousand Pesos(P300,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Asian Para Games, and World-level competitions held at least every two years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;

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iii. Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) for the Asian Beach Games and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

- iv. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00) for SEA Games; and ASEAN Para Games;
- v. Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for Palarong Pambansa, Philippine Youth Games-Batang Pinoy and Philippine National Games.

2. For Silver Medalists:

- i. Three Hundred Thousand (P300,000.00) for the Summer Olympics, Winter Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, and Paralympic Games;
- ii. Two Hundred thousand (P200,000.00) for the Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Asian Para Games, and World-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;
- iii. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00) for Asian Beach Games and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least twenty-five (25) countries participating, and qualifying competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;
- iv. One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for SEA Games and ASEAN Para Games;
- v. Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) for Palarong Pambansa, Philippine Youth Games- Batang Pinoy and Philippine National Games

3. For Bronze Medalists:

- i. Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) for the Summer Olympics, Winter Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, and Paralympic Games;
- ii. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00) for Asian Games, Asian Winter Games, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Asian Para Games, and World-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at least forty-five (45) countries participating;

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b. Team Events

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SECTION 6. Monitoring and Reportorial Requirements. - The BSC and MBHTE shall 42 43

Seventy-five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for SEA Games and ASEAN

Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00) for Palarong Pambansa, v. Philippine Youth Games- Batang Pinoy and Philippine National Games.

One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Asian Beach Games

and Asian-level competitions held at least every two (2) years with at

least twenty-five (25) countries participating and qualifying

For competitions with less than five (5) participants per team, the team shall receive the same cash incentives for individual medal winners as herein provided, to be divided equally among the team members present during the competition.

competitions for World-level and Asian-level games;

For competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, each team member shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the cash incentives for individual medal winners as herein provided.

Provided, That for demonstration and exhibition sports events in the Olympics, the winning athlete shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the cash incentives for Olympic medalists as herein provided.

Provided, further, That Bangsamoro athletes and other athletes who surpass Bangsamoro or Philippine records or ranking in any measurable national and international sports competition shall be given cash incentives, the amount of which may be determined by the BSC.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – The BSC, in consultation with the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE), the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management (MFBM), among others, and other concerned agencies shall promulgate and issue the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act: Provided, That the failure of the BSC to promulgate the rules and regulations shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

submit a report on the benefits, privileges, and incentives granted under this Act to Bangsamoro athletes to the MFBM for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of this Act. The submission shall not be later than one (1) year for national sports

| competitions and three (3) years for international sports competitions from the effectivity of this Act and an equal period thereafter. | | |
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| SECTION 7. Appropriations The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of thi | | |
| Act shall be included in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act of the year following its | | |
| enactment into law and every year thereafter. | | |
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| SECTION 8. Separability Clause If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently | | |
| declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect. | | |
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| SECTION 9. Repealing Clause All regional laws, decrees, executive orders, | | |
| proclamations, and administrative regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent | | |
| herewith, are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly. | | |
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| SECTION 10. Effectivity This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete | | |
| publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of regional circulation. | | |
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