



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6516

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BY REPRESENTATIVES PINGOY, TEVES, SANTIAGO (N.), CASTELO DAZA,  
JALOSJOS, DUEÑAS AND ARNAIZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2166

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### AN ACT DECLARING ARNIS AS THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL SPORT

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

1           SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to inculcate patriotism,  
2           nationalism and appreciation of the role of national heroes and symbols in the  
3           historical development of the country. Furthermore, the State must give  
4           priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster  
5           patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human  
6           liberation and development.

7           SEC. 2. Arnis is hereby declared as the Philippine National Sport. The  
8           official adoption of Arnis as the national sport shall be promulgated by  
9           inscribing the symbol of Arnis in the official seal of the Philippine Sports  
10          Commission and by making it as the first sport competition to be played by  
11          participating teams on the first day in the annual Palarong Pambansa.

1            SEC. 3. The Department of Education and the Philippine Sports  
2 Commission shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out  
3 the provisions of this Act.

4            SEC. 4. Any provision of law, decree, executive order, rule or  
5 regulation in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this  
6 Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7            SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
9 circulation.

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