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**AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED
SPORTS FACILITIES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 30th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games held last November 30 to December 11, 2019 is a testament to our country's excellence in sports and a concrete display of the unique brand of Philippine hospitality. Consistent with its motto, we truly won as one nation, not only in terms of our record-breaking medal haul, but also in terms of showcasing our collective capacity to host major international events.

Notwithstanding its over-all success, the government has the responsibility that the different facilities and venues constructed, renovated, and repaired for the SEA Games are properly and sustainably maintained. The stagnation and degradation of these sports facilities must be avoided at all costs, lest the nation's investment in building these up would be wasted. These must not end up as "white elephants", big-budget infrastructure projects that turned out to be sparingly used or of no use at all, with maintenance costs eating up more than whatever income they may generate.

In response, this proposed measure aims to institutionalize the formulation of sustainability plans for all future and existing government-funded sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure. Included within the scope of this bill are all sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure, including but not limited to, stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers/complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools, convention centers, media centers and athletes' villages, which are government-funded. The contents of these plans shall include, but are not

limited to, the following: (1) plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed; (2) regular maintenance, up-keep, repair and/or renovation; (3) income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, up-keep, repair and/or renovation of the sports facility; (4) installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices; (5) water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, use of grey water, etc.; (6) waste management, recycling and/or composting facilities; (7) use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power; among others. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) will be tasked to ensure and monitor compliance of the required sustainability plans, along with an annual report to be submitted to Congress and made available to the public.

Nais po natin mapanatiling maayos ang ating mga sports facilities hindi lamang para sa kasalukuyan, kundi para sa mga susunod pang mga henerasyon ng mga atletang Filipino.

In view of this, early passage of this bill is sought.


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*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 "Sustainable Sports
2 Facilities Act of 2022".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared as the policy of the
4 government to institutionalize sustainability in the construction, renovation and
5 maintenance of all government-funded sports facilities, venues and other sports-
6 related infrastructure.

7 Sec. 3. *Definition and Scope of Application.* – This Act shall cover all sports
8 facilities, venues and other sports-related infrastructure, including but not limited to,
9 stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers/complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming
10 pools, convention centers, media centers and athletes' villages, which are
11 government-funded.

12 As used in this Act, "operators" refer to the government agencies and private
13 entities that actually operate the sports facilities mentioned above.

14 Sec. 4. *Sustainability Plans for all Sports Facilities.* — It is hereby mandated
15 that operators of all future and existing government-funded sports facilities, venues
16 and other sports-related infrastructure shall formulate a sustainability plan for such

1 facilities. Said sustainability plans shall be submitted to and be monitored by the
2 Philippine Sports Commission (PSC). In pursuance of the fulfillment of this mandate,
3 the PSC is hereby empowered to tap and coordinate with other relevant government
4 agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Games and
5 Amusements Board (GAB), Department of Environment and Natural Resources
6 (DENR); and non-government organizations such as the Philippine Olympic Committee
7 (POC) and the various National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the country.

8 The contents of the sustainability plans shall include the following:

- 9 a. Plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of
10 the event for which the same was constructed;
- 11 b. Regular maintenance, up-keep, repair and/or renovation;
- 12 c. Income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, up-keep,
13 repair and/or renovation of the sports facility;
- 14 d. Installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices;
- 15 e. Water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, use of grey water,
16 etc.;
- 17 f. Waste management, recycling and/or composting facilities;
- 18 g. Use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power;
- 19 h. Other information or details as may be determined in the future by the PSC.

20 The sustainability plan shall be revised at least once every five (5) years, or as
21 often as may be required by the PSC considering the circumstances of sports facility.

22 *Sec. 5. Annual Report.* – The PSC shall formulate an annual report summarizing
23 and consolidating the sustainability plans of all covered sports facilities and the level
24 of compliance of operators to their respective plans and to the requirements of this
25 Act. This report shall be submitted to Congress and be made available to the public.

26 *Sec. 6. Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the implementation of this
27 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 *Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – To carry out the provisions of
2 this Act, the PSC shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the
3 implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

4 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
5 proclamations, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this
6 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

7 *Sec. 9. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act, or the
8 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held unconstitutional or invalid,
9 the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

10 *Sec. 10. Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
11 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
12 circulation.

13 *Approved,*