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PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS TO
RECRUIT FILIPINO-FOREIGN ATHLETES TRAINED ABROAD, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 (I) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847 OR "THE
PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT"

Explanatory Note

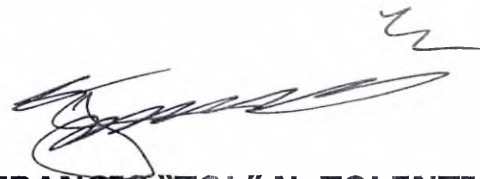
Art. XIV, Sec. 19 (1) of the Constitution provides that, "The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

Republic Act No. 6847 or "The Philippine Sports Commission Act" provides for the creation and the mandate of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC). The law declares it the policy of the State to encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country through a unified national sports promotion and development program.

Under RA 6847, the PSC exercises supervisory and visitorial powers over national sports associations (NSAs) in connection with their sports promotion and development programs. NSAs, in turn, have the authority to "select the athletes, coaches and other officials for their national teams taking into consideration not only their athletic abilities but also their discipline, moral character, aptitude and attitude."

In order to realize the goal of the PSC to produce world-class athletes who can bring glory and pride to the country, NSAs should have the authority to recruit Filipino-foreign athletes trained abroad. This will not only realize the full potential of our national teams, but also benefit our home-grown athletes, who can learn new skills and training techniques from as well as gauge their own skills against athletes trained in other countries. This bill grants NSAs the authority to tap Filipino-foreign athletes for inclusion in their national teams.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Tolentino', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6847, or "The Philippine Sports
2 Commission Act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 13. *National Sports Associations.* – National sports associations,
4 organized for their respective sports in the Philippines and/or affiliated with
5 their respective international federations which are recognized by the
6 International Olympic Committee, are recognized as such by the Commission.

"x x x

7 The Commission recognizes the following functions, powers, duties
8 and responsibilities of the various national sports associations:

9 "(a) x x x

10 "x x x

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3 teams taking into consideration not only their athletic abilities but also their
4 discipline, moral character, aptitude and attitude;

5 “x x x”

6 **Section 2. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
7 regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
8 amended, or modified accordingly.

9 **Section 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
10 following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
11 national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,