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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARINDUQUE SPORTS ACADEMY AND
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CRUZ IN THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

“The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.¹”

The 1987 Constitution also mentioned in Article II, Section 17 that “the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

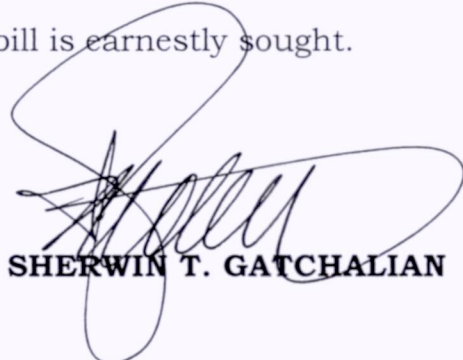
Thus, the State is mandated to “promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competition, to foster self-discipline,

¹ Section 13, Article II, The 1987 Philippine Constitution.

teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.”²

It is for these reasons that the establishment of a Sports Academy and Training Center in the Province of Marinduque is sought after. Many communities in the Province of Marinduque will be rewarded from the creation of this Sports Academy and Training Center as it will help the locals to enjoy the benefits of sports. Moreover, young individuals which manifest potential to be great athletes will be given the appropriate training and rearing.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

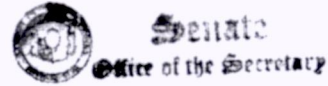


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² Sec. 19 (1), Article XIV, The 1987 Philippine Constitution.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in Barangay Baliis, Municipality of
2 Sta. Cruz, Province of Marinduque, a sports academy and training center to be
3 known as the "Marinduque Sports Academy and Training Center," which shall be
4 constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the Province
5 of Marinduque.

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7 **SECTION 2.** The Office of the Congressman of Marinduque, the Provincial
8 Government of Marinduque and the Municipal Government of Sta. Cruz, in
9 coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary
10 steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and
11 personnel, and integrate them into the newly-created Sports Academy and Training
12 Center.

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14 The Office of the Congressman of Marinduque, the Provincial Government of
15 Marinduque and the Municipal Government of Sta. Cruz, in coordination with PSC,

1 shall create the necessary training programs, appropriate tournaments and
2 competitions as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and
3 managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

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5 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include the
6 operation of the Marinduque Sports Academy and Training Center in the
7 Department's programs. The funding of which shall be included in the Annual
8 General Appropriations Act.

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10 **SECTION 4.** The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education
11 (DepEd), the Office of the Congressman of Marinduque, the Provincial Government
12 of Marinduque, the Municipal Government of Sta. Cruz and other concerned
13 stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
14 implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

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16 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
17 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,