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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY-SOUTH LA UNION CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY-SOUTH LA UNION CAMPUS-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. ***Establishment.*** – There is hereby established a medical school in the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU)-South La Union Campus (SLUC) located in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union, to be known as the *"Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-South La Union Campus-College of Medicine"*.

SEC. 2. ***General Mandate.*** – The Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-South

La Union Campus–College of Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the "College", shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic science and clinical courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of La Union and Region I.

The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 3. ***Governance.*** – Being an institution within the DMMMSU System, the governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the DMMMSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Presidential Decree No. 1778, entitled "Establishing the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University by Merging the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State College; the Southern Ilocos Polytechnic State College, the La Union School of Arts and Trades and the La Union Community College and Likewise Integrating the Sapilang Elementary School into the State University: Providing a Chapter for this Purpose and Appropriating Funds Thereof", as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.

SEC. 4. ***Administration.*** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Chancellor of the DMMMSU- South La Union Campus insofar as may be authorized by the Board and the President of the University.

SEC. 5. ***The College Dean.*** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications standards, and based on the recommendation of the Chancellor, following a process of consultation with the constituents of the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed to another term.

Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Chancellor of the College shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.

The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the Chancellor.

The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466, otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and such other laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the Deans of similar educational institutions.

In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided,* That the Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed

by the Board.

SEC. 6. ***The Faculty.*** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the nomination by the President of the DMMMSU, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided,* That no political belief, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided, further,* That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on qualifications standards set by the Board: *Provided, finally,* That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 7. ***Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the scholarship program under Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the "Doktor Para sa Bayan Act", shall render a return service in accordance with the said law. Students availing themselves of other nationally-funded scholarship programs to complete the medicine degree program under the College may be required to render a return service depending on the contract to be signed between the student and the College.

No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion, cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.

SEC. 8. ***Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.

SEC. 9. ***Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and Detail of Personnel.*** – Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the request of the Board, through the President of the DMMMSU, the heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer to the college such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.

SEC. 10. ***Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled or named after the DMMMSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the property of the DMMMSU, and titled under its name: *Provided,* That should the DMMMSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the DMMMSU, the same shall revert to the Municipality of Agoo or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 11. ***Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific

purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)".

All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

SEC. 12. ***Suppletory Application*****.** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

SEC. 13. ***Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 14. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 15. ***Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force and effect.

SEC. 16. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,