



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5980

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALVAREZ (A.), VILLAR, ABAYON, SALCEDA, TEVES
AND GULLAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2084

AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTRAMURAL STUDIES CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ROXAS, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS A REGULAR BRANCH
OF THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU) IN THE CITY OF
PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, DEFINING ITS
OBJECTIVES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Integration.* – The Palawan State University Extramural
2 Studies Center in the Municipality of Roxas, Province of Palawan, is hereby
3 integrated as a regular branch of the Palawan State University (PSU) in the
4 City of Puerto Princesa. It shall be known as the Palawan State
5 University-Roxas Branch (PSU-Roxas Branch).

6 SEC. 2. *Objectives.* – The PSU-Roxas Branch shall provide quality
7 and affordable higher education to the youth. It shall likewise provide relevant

1 technology that will hasten the socio-economic development of the Province of
2 Palawan and the MIMAROPA (Region IV-B).

3 To achieve the foregoing objectives, the PSU-Roxas Branch shall
4 develop academic degree programs for effective exploitation and conservation
5 of the fishery resources in the Palawan seas and nearby waters. It shall
6 undertake researches in fish processing and culture, marine biology and in
7 oceanography for increased understanding of the country's territorial waters.

8 SEC. 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The PSU-Roxas Branch shall continue
9 to offer the present degree courses being offered prior to its integration with
10 the PSU. It shall also offer nondegree courses and other relevant courses
11 within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board
12 of Regents of the PSU may deem necessary to carry out its objectives,
13 particularly to meet the needs of the Province of Palawan and the
14 MIMAROPA (Region IV-B).

15 SEC. 4. *Administration.* – The administration of the PSU-Roxas Branch
16 shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the said University, hereinafter
17 referred to as the Board, in accordance with Republic Act No. 7818, otherwise
18 known as the “Charter of the Palawan State University”.

19 The Board shall have the full authority to determine the organizational
20 structure, academic, research and extension programs, the qualifications and

1 number of academic personnel, enrollment and such other matters related to
2 the administration and operation of the PSU-Roxas Branch.

3 SEC. 5. *Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.* – The Board shall
4 have the following specific powers and duties, in addition to its general powers
5 of administration and the exercise of all powers granted to the board of
6 directors of a corporation under existing laws:

7 (a) To import duty-free economic, technical and cultural books and/or
8 publications, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education
9 (CHED) that such imported books and/or publications are for economic,
10 technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical or cultural purposes,
11 in accordance with the provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code, as
12 amended; and

13 (b) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real properties of
14 all kinds and to administer and dispose of the same when necessary for the
15 benefit of the University, and subject to the limitations, directions and
16 instructions of the donor, if any.

17 Such donations shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall
18 be considered as allowable deductions from the gross income in the
19 computation of the income tax of the donor, in accordance with the provisions
20 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 (NIRC), as amended:
21 *Provided, That such donations shall not be disposed of, transferred or sold.*

1 SEC. 6. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.* – All assets, fixed and
2 movable, personnel and records of the Palawan State University Extramural
3 Studies Center in the Municipality of Roxas, as well as liabilities or
4 obligations, are hereby transferred to the University: *Provided, however,* That
5 *the positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel*
6 *therein employed under existing laws prior to the integration under this Act*
7 *shall be respected.*

8 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the
9 Palawan State University Extramural Studies Center in the Municipality of
10 Roxas are hereby declared to be the property of the University, and shall be
11 titled under that name: *Provided,* That should the University cease to exist or
12 be abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer
13 needed by the University, the same shall revert to the Municipality of Roxas.

14 SEC. 7. *Implementation.* – The Board is hereby authorized to formulate
15 rules, regulations and guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act,
16 not later than the opening of the next school year following the approval of this
17 Act.

18 SEC. 8. *Filing of Report.* – Within three months after the integration of
19 the Palawan State University Extramural Studies Center in the Municipality of
20 Roxas with the University, the Board shall file with the Office of the President

1 of the Philippines through the chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses
2 of Congress a detailed report on the actions it has taken pursuant hereto.

3 *SEC. 9. Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the initial
4 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s funding
5 of the Palawan State University Extramural Studies Center provided by the
6 Municipality of Roxas. The said municipality shall continue to provide
7 assistance to the PSU-Roxas Branch corresponding to the funding given to the
8 Palawan State University Extramural Studies Center before its integration with
9 the PSU until such time that the full funding requirement of the PSU-Roxas
10 Branch is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

11 *SEC. 10. Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision
12 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
13 provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

14 *SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
15 orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, contrary to
16 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
17 accordingly.

18 *SEC. 12 Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
19 days after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,