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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES-CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY CAMPUS IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment.*** – There is hereby established a medical school in
2 the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP)-Cagayan De Oro
3 City Campus located in Cagayan De Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental, which shall be

1 known as the “*University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines–College of*
2 *Medicine*”.

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4 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The USTSP–College of Medicine, hereinafter
5 referred to as the “College”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including
6 the Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine (INTARMED) Program, consisting of basic science
7 and clinical courses, and using learner-centered and competency-based approach. The primary
8 goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the
9 healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development
10 needs of the Province of Misamis Oriental and Region X.

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

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15 **SEC. 3. *Governance.*** – Being an institution within the USTSP System, the
16 governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the USTSP, hereinafter
17 referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Republic Act No. 10919, as
18 amended, otherwise known as “An Act Establishing the University of Science and
19 Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), Providing for the Purpose the Amalgamation
20 of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) and the Misamis Oriental
21 State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT), and Appropriating Funds
22 Therefor”, and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended
23 elsewhere in this Act.

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25 **SEC. 4. *Administration.*** – The administration of the College shall be vested in
26 the Chancellor of the USTSP-Cagayan De Oro City Campus insofar as authorized by the
27 Board and the President of the University.

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

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35 Within six (6) months of the effectivity of this Act, the Chancellor of USTSP-
36 Cagayan De Oro City Campus shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.

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

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42 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act
43 No. 11466 or the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory
44 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by
45 the Deans of similar educational institutions.

1 In case of a vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory
2 retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions
3 of the office, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, shall designate an
4 Officer-in-Charge of the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the
5 Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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7 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be
8 appointed by the Board.
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10 **SEC. 6. *The Faculty.*** – The Board shall appoint, upon the recommendation of
11 the Chancellor and the nomination by the President of the University, the faculty members of
12 the College: *Provided*, That no political belief, gender preference, cultural or community
13 affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in
14 the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided, further*, That said appointment
15 shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided,*
16 *finally*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or
17 religious sect.
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19 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide
20 scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who
21 qualify for admission to the College.
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23 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion,
24 cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.
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26 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall
27 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of
28 Article XIV of the Constitution.
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30 **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies and***
31 ***Detail of Personnel.*** – Upon the recommendation of the chancellor and the request of the
32 board, through its president, the heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government
33 may loan or transfer to the college such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by
34 it, and detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or
35 office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or services of such employees can be spared
36 without serious detriment to public service.
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38 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the
39 Dean of the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.
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41 **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both
42 real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or
43 obligations, shall be titled or named after the USTSP.
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45 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College
46 shall be the property of the USTSP, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should

1 the College cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no
2 longer needed by the USTSP, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or
3 to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
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5 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical
6 books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or
7 scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
8 be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863,
9 otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”;

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11 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
12 actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt
13 from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income
14 for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions
15 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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17 **SEC. 12. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
18 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of
19 this Act.
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21 **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
22 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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24 **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
25 approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and
26 regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
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28 **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
29 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are
30 in full force and effect.
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32 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
33 and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
34 amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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36 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
37 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,