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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY-CATANAUAN CAMPUS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment.*** – There is hereby established a college of veterinary
2 medicine in the Catanauan campus of the Southern Luzon State University in the
3 Municipality of Catanauan, Province of Quezon, which shall be known as the “Southern
4 Luzon State University-Catanauan Campus College of Veterinary Medicine”.

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6 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Southern Luzon State University-Catanauan Campus
7 College of Veterinary Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the "College", shall primarily
8 offer a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Program. It shall be a six-year course
9 consisting of a two-year preparatory veterinary medicine curriculum, including general
10 education courses, and a four-year professional veterinary medicine curriculum consisting
11 of basic animal sciences and veterinary medical sciences, and using learning competency-
12 based standards and outcomes-based approach. The primary goal of the College shall be to
13 develop a corps of professional veterinary physicians who are adept in the prevention,
14 diagnosis, treatment, and control of animal diseases, including terrestrial and aquatic
15 animals.

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17 **SEC. 3. *Implementation.*** – The implementation of the DVM program shall be in
18 accordance with Republic Act No. 9395, entitled “An Act Converting the Southern Luzon
19 Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Lucban, Province of Quezon, its Units and
20 Satellite Campuses in the Municipalities of Sampaloc, Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan, Alabat
21 and Tiaong, and the Lucena Dual-Tech Livelihood and Training Center in the City of
22 Lucena, All in the Province of Quezon, Into a State University to be Known as the Southern
23 Luzon State University and Appropriating Funds Therefor”, through its Board of Regents,

1 to promulgate and implement programs, projects and activities in accordance with state
2 policies on education, other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution, as well as
3 the policies, standards and the thrust of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
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5 **SEC. 4. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.*** – The provisions of this Act
6 notwithstanding, the establishment of the College shall become effective only upon the
7 determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of
8 experts constituted for the purpose, that the institution has complied with the policies,
9 standards, and guidelines of the CHED Memorandum Order No. 01, series of 2018, for the
10 DVM Program: *Provided*, That the panel may issue such recommendation when the
11 institution has substantially complied with the minimum requirements for the program.
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13 **SEC. 5. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical,
14 scientific, and technical books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are
15 for medical, laboratory or scientific and technical purposes shall, upon certification by the
16 CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act
17 No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.
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19 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
20 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt
21 from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income
22 for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions
23 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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25 **SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this
26 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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28 **SEC. 7. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise
29 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.
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31 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act shall
32 be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
33 shall remain in full force and effect.
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35 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules
36 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
37 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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39 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
40 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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