



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10841

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BICOL UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, 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 Bicol University, to be located in the City of Ligao, Province of Albay, which
3 shall be known as the “*Bicol University-College of Veterinary Medicine*”.

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

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15 SEC. 3. **Implementation.** – The implementation of the DVM program shall be in
16 accordance with Republic Act No. 5521, entitled “An Act Establishing The Bicol
17 University, Defining Its Powers, Functions, And Duties, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and
18 for Other Purposes”, and existing provisions of the Bicol University Code of 2016,
19 particularly Chapter II, Section 4, which allows the Bicol University, through its Board of
20 Regents, to promulgate and implement programs, projects and activities in accordance with
21 state policies on education, other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution, as well
22 as the policies, standards and the thrust of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

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

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