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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE**  
**UNIVERSITY-MAIN CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUCBAN,**  
**PROVINCE OF QUEZON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE**  
**UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that, *"The State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."*

Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) is the premier, state-funded higher education institution in Quezon Province in the Philippines operating by virtue of Republic Act 9395 or the SLSU Charter. It is composed of 11 campuses in the province of Quezon, with the main campus situated in the Municipality of Lucban.

SLSU is mandated to primarily provide advanced education, professional, technological instruction in the fields of allied medicine, education, engineering, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environment, arts and sciences, accountancy, cooperative, business and entrepreneurship, technology and other relevant fields of study. It also undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

To date, SLSU has a College of Allied Medicine and is offering Bachelor of Nursing, Diploma/ Certificate in Midwifery, Master of Arts in Medical Surgical Nursing and Master of Arts in Psychiatric Nursing.

The COVID-19 pandemic showed the loopholes of the medical sector in our country including the shortage of doctors. The World Health Organization estimates

that fewer than 2.3 health workers (physicians, nurses, and midwives only) per 1,000 would be insufficient to achieve coverage of primary healthcare needs.

This bill seeks to bolster the preparation for possible future pandemics and calamities by providing quality and accessible medical education to all Filipinos through the establishment of a medical school in the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Main Campus in Lucban, Quezon.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is respectfully sought.

  
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*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 medical school in  
2 the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU)-Main Campus located in the Municipality of  
3 Lucban, Province of Quezon, to be known as the "*Southern Luzon State University-*  
4 *College of Medicine*".

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6           **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** – The Southern Luzon State University–College of  
7 Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the "College", shall primarily offer a Doctor of  
8 Medicine Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program,  
9 consisting of basic science and clinical courses, and using a learner-centered,  
10 competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The primary goal of the College  
11 shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare  
12 system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs  
13 of the Province of Quezon and Region IV-A.

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

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18           **SEC. 3. Governance.** – The governance of the College shall be vested in the  
19 Board of Regents of the SLSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are  
20 defined under Republic Act No. 9395, entitled "An Act Converting the Southern Luzon

1 Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Lucan, Province of Quezon, its Units and  
2 Satellite Campuses in the Municipalities of Sampaloc, Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan,  
3 Alabat and Tiaong, and the Lucena Dual-Tech Livelihood and Training Center in the  
4 City of Lucena, All in the Province of Quezon, Into a State University to be Known as  
5 the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) and Appropriating Funds Therefor", as  
6 amended, and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or  
7 amended elsewhere in this Act.

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9 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in  
10 the Dean of the SLSU insofar as may be authorized by its Board.

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

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18 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the SLSU  
19 shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.

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

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

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



1 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be  
2 appointed by the Board.

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

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

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

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24 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall  
25 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section  
26 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.

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

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

1           **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both  
2 real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or  
3 obligations, shall be titled or named after the SLSU.  
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5           All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College  
6 shall be the property of the SLSU, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the  
7 SLSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be  
8 no longer needed by the SLSU, the same shall revert to the Municipality of Lucban or  
9 to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.  
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11           **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical  
12 books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical,  
13 laboratory or scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher  
14 Education (CHED), be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions  
15 of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff  
16 Act".  
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18           All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and  
19 used actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall  
20 be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction  
21 from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in  
22 accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as  
23 amended.  
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25           **SEC. 12. *Supplementary Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,  
26 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part  
27 of this Act.  
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29           **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of  
30 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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32           **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from  
33 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and  
34 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.  
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36           **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this  
37 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected  
38 are in full force and effect.

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

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

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*Approved,*