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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 THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF**  
**MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE**  
**AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES-COLLEGE OF**  
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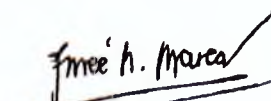
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "*the State shall give priority to education.*" The Constitution further declares that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

The University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) was established by virtue of Republic Act No. 10919. The USTSP is a state university established through the amalgamation of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental and the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT) in Claveria, Misamis Oriental. Both campuses are located in Northern Mindanao, the Gateway to Mindanao, which offers a strategic locational advantage for the institution to train and develop students from all the other regions of Mindanao.

The bill seeks to create a USTSP-College of Medicine to address the shortage of physicians in the Region X. This will also give potential doctors in Northern Mindanao another high-quality medical school, especially those deserving and qualified students who do not have the financial resources to go to private medical schools.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly 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.** – The is hereby established a medical school in the  
2 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  
4 be known as *the "University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-College*  
5 *of Medicine"*.  
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8           **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** – The USTSP – College of Medicine, hereinafter  
9 referred to as the "College", shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including  
10 Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine (INTARMED) Program, consisting of basic science  
11 and clinical courses, and using learner-centered and competency-based approach. The  
12 primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to  
13 strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human  
14 resource development needs of the Province of Misamis Oriental and Region X.

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.** – Being an institution within the USTSP System, the  
19 governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the USTSP,  
20 hereinafter referred to as the Board whose powers are defined under Republic Act No.  
21 10919, as amended, otherwise known as "An Act Establishing the University of Science

1 and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), Providing for the Amalgamation of  
2 the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) and Misamis Oriental State  
3 College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT), and Appropriating Funds Therefor,  
4 and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended  
5 elsewhere in this Act.

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

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

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

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

22 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act  
23 No. 11466 or the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and such other laws amendatory  
24 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being  
25 received by the Deans of similar educational institutions.

26 In case of a vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory  
27 retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the  
28 functions of the office, the Board upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, shall  
29 designate an Office-in-Charge of the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean:  
30 Provided, That the Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the unexpired portion of  
31 the term.

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

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35 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall appoint, upon the recommendation of  
36 the Chancellor and the nomination by the President of the University, the faculty  
37 members of the College: *Provided, that* no political belief, gender preference, cultural  
38 or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion affiliation shall be a matter  
39 of faculty members of the College: *Provided, futher,* That said appointment shall be  
40 subject to guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided, finally,*  
41 That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or  
42 religious sect.



1           **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide  
2 scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students  
3 who qualify for admission to the College.

4           No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion,  
5 cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.  
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7           **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall  
8 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to paragraph 2, section  
9 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.  
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11           **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies and***  
12 ***Detail of Personnel.*** – Upon the recommendation of the chancellor and the request of  
13 the board, through its president, the heads of the bureaus and offices of the national  
14 government may loan or transfer to the college such apparatus, equipment or supplies  
15 as may be needed by it, and detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgement  
16 of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or services of such  
17 employees can be spread without serious detriment to public service.

18           The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the  
19 Dean of the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular  
20 service.  
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22           **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both real  
23 and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or  
24 obligations, shall be titled or named after the USTSP.

25           All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College  
26 shall be the property of the USTSP, and shall be titled under its name: Provided, that  
27 should the College cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels  
28 of land be no longer needed by the USTSP, the same shall revert to the concerned local  
29 government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.  
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31           **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical  
32 books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical,  
33 laboratory or scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher  
34 Education (CHED), be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of  
35 Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act  
36 (CMTA)",  
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38           All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and  
39 used actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the College shall be  
40 exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from  
41 gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance  
42 with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

1           **SEC. 12. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,  
2 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part  
3 of this Act.

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5           **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of  
6 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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8           **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the  
9 approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and  
10 regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

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12           **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this  
13 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected  
14 are in full force and effect.

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16           **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and  
17 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act  
18 are deemed amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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20           **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following  
21 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers  
22 of general circulation.

*Approved,*