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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

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

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5 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** - The Southern Luzon State University-College of Medicine,
6 hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program,

1 including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic science and clinical
2 courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The
3 primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the
4 healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs
5 of the Province of Quezon and Region IV-A.
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7 The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide
8 progressive leadership in these areas.
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10 **SEC. 3. Governance.** –The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of
11 Regents of the SLSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under
12 Republic Act No. 9395, entitled “An Act Converting the Southern Luzon Polytechnic College in
13 the Municipality of Lucban, Province of Quezon, its Units and Satellite Campuses in the
14 Municipalities of Sampaloc, Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan, Alabat and Tiaong, and the Lucena
15 Dual-Tech Livelihood and Training Center in the City of Lucena, All in the Province of Quezon,
16 Into a State University to be Known as the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) and
17 Appropriating Funds Therefor”, as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations, unless
18 otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.
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20 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Dean of
21 the SLSU insofar as may be authorized by its Board.
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23 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be
24 appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualification standards, and based on the
25 recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the constituents of the
26 College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be
27 reappointed to another term.
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29 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the SLSU shall
30 constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.
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32 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided
33 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state
34 universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.
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36 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,
37 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory
38 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
39 Deans of similar educational institutions.
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41 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
42 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,
43 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the
44 College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall
45 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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47 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed
48 by the Board.

1 **SEC. 6. *The Faculty.*** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President of
2 the SLSU, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief,
3 gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or
4 affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College:
5 *Provided, further*, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on qualification
6 standards set by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or
7 against any particular church or religious sect.
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9 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide scholarships
10 and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for
11 admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the scholarship program under
12 Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the “Doktor Para sa Bayan Act”, shall render a return
13 service in accordance with the said law. Students availing themselves of other nationally-funded
14 scholarship programs to complete the medicine degree program under the College may be required
15 to render a return service depending on the contract to be signed between the student and the
16 College.
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18 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion, cultural
19 or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.
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21 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall enjoy
22 academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV
23 of the Constitution.
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25 **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and Detail of***
26 ***Personnel.*** – Upon the request of the Board, through the President of the SLSU, the heads of the
27 bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer to the college such
28 apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail employees for duty therein
29 when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or
30 services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.
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32 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of
33 the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.
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35 **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both real and
36 personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be
37 titled or named after the SLSU.
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39 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the
40 property of the SLSU, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the SLSU cease to exist
41 or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the SLSU,
42 the same shall revert to the Municipality of Lucban or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the
43 case may be.
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45 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical books
46 or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific
47 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt
48 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise
49 known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.

1 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,
2 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor's
3 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of
4 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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7 **SEC. 12. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise
8 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

9 **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
10 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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12 **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the approval
13 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to
14 implement the provisions of this Act.
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16 **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
17 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force
18 and effect.
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20 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules
21 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed,
22 or modified accordingly.
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24 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
25 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,