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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PHILIPPINES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATARMAN, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PHILIPPINES-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 University of Eastern Philippines (UEP) located in the Municipality of Catarman, Province of  
3 Northern Samar, to be known as the “*University of Eastern Philippines-College of Medicine*”.

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5           **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** - The University of Eastern Philippines–College of Medicine,  
6 hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program,  
7 including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic science and clinical

1 courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The  
2 primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the  
3 healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs  
4 of the Province of Northern Samar and Region VIII.  
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6 The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide  
7 progressive leadership in these areas.

8 **SEC. 3. Governance.** – The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of  
9 Regents of the UEP, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Republic  
10 Act No. 4126, entitled “An Act Converting the Samar Institute of Technology in the Municipality  
11 of Catarman, Province of Samar, into a University to be Known as the University of Eastern  
12 Philippines, and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor”, as amended, and other  
13 applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.  
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15 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Dean of  
16 the UEP insofar as may be authorized by its Board.  
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18 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be  
19 appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications standards, and based on the  
20 recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the constituents of  
21 the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be  
22 reappointed to another term.  
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24 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the UEP shall  
25 constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.  
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27 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided  
28 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state  
29 universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.  
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31 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,  
32 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory  
33 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the  
34 Deans of similar educational institutions.  
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36 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,  
37 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,  
38 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the  
39 College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall  
40 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.  
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42 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed  
43 by the Board.  
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45 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation by the President of  
46 the UEP, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief, gender  
47 preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation  
48 shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided*,  
49 *further*, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on qualification standards set

1 by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any  
2 particular church or religious sect.  
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4 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide scholarships  
5 and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for  
6 admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the scholarship program under  
7 Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the “Doktor Para sa Bayan Act”, shall render a return  
8 service in accordance with the said law. Students availing themselves of other nationally-funded  
9 scholarship programs to complete the medicine degree program under the College may be required  
10 to render a return service depending on the contract to be signed between the student and the  
11 College.  
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13 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion, cultural  
14 or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.  
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16 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall enjoy  
17 academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV  
18 of the Constitution.  
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20 **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and Detail of***  
21 ***Personnel.*** – Upon the request of the Board, through the President of the UEP, the heads of the  
22 bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer to the college such  
23 apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail employees for duty therein  
24 when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or  
25 services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.  
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27 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of  
28 the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.  
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30 **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both real and  
31 personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be  
32 titled or named after the UEP.  
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34 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the  
35 property of the UEP, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the UEP cease to exist or  
36 be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the UEP, the  
37 same shall revert to the Municipality of Catarman or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case  
38 may be.  
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40 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical books  
41 or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific  
42 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt  
43 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise  
44 known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.  
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46 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,  
47 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor’s  
48 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of  
49 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National

1 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.  
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3 **SEC. 12. *Supplementary Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise  
4 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

5 **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
6 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 approval  
9 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to  
10 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 Act is  
13 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force  
14 and effect.  
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16 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules  
17 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed,  
18 or modified accordingly.  
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20 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
21 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,