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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY-SOUTH LA UNION CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY-SOUTH LA UNION CAMPUS-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 Don
2 Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU)-South La Union Campus (SLUC)
3 located in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union, to be known as the "*Don Mariano*
4 *Marcos Memorial State University-South La Union Campus-College of Medicine*".

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6 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-South

1 La Union Campus—College of Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall primarily
2 offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program,
3 consisting of basic science and clinical courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based,
4 and community-oriented approach. The primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of
5 professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to
6 the human resource development needs of the Province of La Union and Region I.

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.** – Being an institution within the DMMMSU System, the governance
11 of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the DMMMSU, hereinafter referred to as
12 the Board, whose powers are defined under Presidential Decree No. 1778, entitled “Establishing
13 the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University by Merging the Don Mariano Marcos
14 Memorial State College; the Southern Ilocos Polytechnic State College, the La Union School of
15 Arts and Trades and the La Union Community College and Likewise Integrating the Sapilang
16 Elementary School into the State University: Providing a Chapter for this Purpose and
17 Appropriating Funds Thereof”, 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
21 Chancellor of the DMMMSU- South La Union Campus insofar as may be authorized by the Board
22 and the President of the University.
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24 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be
25 appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications standards, and based on the
26 recommendation of the Chancellor, following a process of consultation with the constituents of
27 the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be
28 reappointed to another term.
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30 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Chancellor of the College
31 shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.
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33 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided
34 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state
35 universities and colleges and those delegated by the Chancellor.
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37 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,
38 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory
39 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
40 Deans of similar educational institutions.
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42 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
43 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,
44 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, designate an Officer-in-Charge of
45 the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge
46 shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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48 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed

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

1 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt
2 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise
3 known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.

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5 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,
6 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor’s
7 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of
8 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National
9 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,