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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,
7 including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic science and clinical
8 courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The
9 primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the
10 healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs
11 of the Province of Quezon and Region IV-A.

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

1 **SEC. 3. Governance.** –The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of
2 Regents of the SLSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under
3 Republic Act No. 9395, entitled “An Act Converting the Southern Luzon Polytechnic College in
4 the Municipality of Lucban, Province of Quezon, its Units and Satellite Campuses in the
5 Municipalities of Sampaloc, Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan, Alabat and Tiaong, and the Lucena
6 Dual-Tech Livelihood and Training Center in the City of Lucena, All in the Province of Quezon,
7 Into a State University to be Known as the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) and
8 Appropriating Funds Therefor”, [~~as amended,~~] and other applicable laws and regulations, unless
9 otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.
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11 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Dean
12 of the [SLSU] COLLEGE insofar as may be authorized by its Board.
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14 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be
15 appointed by the Board, subject to [~~its guidelines on qualification standards, and based on~~] THE
16 GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD, AND
17 UPON the recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the
18 constituents of the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3)
19 years, and may be reappointed to another term.
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21 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the SLSU shall
22 constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.
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24 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided
25 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state
26 universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.
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28 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,
29 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory
30 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
31 Deans of similar educational institutions.
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33 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
34 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,
35 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of
36 the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge
37 shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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39 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed
40 by the Board.

41 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President of
42 the SLSU, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief,
43 SEX, gender [~~preference~~], cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion
44 or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College:
45 *Provided, further*, That said appointment shall be subject to the [~~guidelines on qualification~~

standards] GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS set by the Board:
Provided, finally, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular [church
or religious sect] RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

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

No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of SEX, gender, religion, cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, [or] ethnic origin, OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.

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

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

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

SEC. 9. LOAN OR TRANSFER OF SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND DETAIL OF PERSONNEL TO THE COLLEGE. – HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES MAY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLSU, LOAN OR TRANSFER SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND DETAIL PERSONNEL TO THE COLLEGE: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH LOAN, TRANSFER OR DETAIL SHALL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

THE PERSONNEL TO BE DETAILED TO THE COLLEGE SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS MAY BE DEEMED REQUIRED BY THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE AND THE TIME SPENT FOR SUCH DUTIES SHALL BE COUNTED AS PART OF THE DETAILED PERSONNEL’S REGULAR SERVICE.

SEC. 10. Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel. – All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled or named after the SLSU.

1 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the
2 property of the SLSU, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the SLSU cease to exist
3 or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the SLSU,
4 the same shall revert to the Municipality of Lucban or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the
5 case may be.
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7 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical books
8 or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific
9 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt
10 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise
11 known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.

12 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,
13 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor’s
14 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of
15 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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18 **SEC. 12. *COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS.*** – THE SLSU, PRIOR
19 TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE OFFERING OF NEW
20 AND REVISED COURSES AND PROGRAMS RELATED THERETO, SHALL
21 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND
22 GUIDELINES OF THE CHED.
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24 **SEC. [12] 13. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
25 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this
26 Act.

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

Approved,