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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] COLLEGE 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 GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD, AND UPON
21 the recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the constituents of
22 the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be
23 reappointed to another term.

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25 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the UEP shall
26 constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.

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28 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided
29 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state
30 universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.

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32 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,
33 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory
34 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
35 Deans of similar educational institutions.

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37 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
38 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,
39 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the
40 College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall
41 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

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

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46 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation by the President of
47 the UEP, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief, SEX,
48 gender [~~preference~~], cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or
49 affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College:

1 *Provided, further,* That said appointment shall be subject to the [~~guidelines on qualification~~
2 ~~standards~~] GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS set by the Board: *Provided,*
3 *finally,* That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular [~~church or religious~~
4 ~~sect~~] RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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33 **SEC. 9. *LOAN OR TRANSFER OF SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND***
34 ***DETAIL OF PERSONNEL TO THE COLLEGE.*** – HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
35 AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES MAY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD
36 THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UEP, LOAN OR TRANSFER SUPPLIES,
37 APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND DETAIL PERSONNEL TO THE COLLEGE:
38 *PROVIDED,* THAT SUCH LOAN, TRANSFER OR DETAIL SHALL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL
39 TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

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

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

1 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the
2 property of the UEP, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the UEP cease to exist or
3 be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the UEP, the
4 same shall revert to the Municipality of Catarman or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case
5 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”.
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13 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,
14 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor’s
15 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of
16 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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19 **SEC. 12. *COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS.*** – THE UEP, PRIOR TO THE
20 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE OFFERING OF NEW AND REVISED
21 COURSES AND PROGRAMS RELATED THERETO, SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
22 THE APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES OF THE CHED.

23 **SEC. ~~[12]~~ 13. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
24 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

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

Approved,