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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY-CATANAUAN CAMPUS-COLLEGE OF VETERINARY 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 College of Veterinary  
2           Medicine in the Catanauan Campus of the Southern Luzon State University in the  
3           Municipality of Catanauan, Province of Quezon, to be known as the “*Southern Luzon State*  
4           *University-Catanauan Campus-College of Veterinary Medicine*”.

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6           **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Southern Luzon State University-Catanauan Campus-  
7           College of Veterinary Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall  
8           primarily offer a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Program. It shall be a six-year  
9           course consisting of a two-year preparatory veterinary medicine curriculum, including  
10          general education courses, and a four-year professional veterinary medicine curriculum  
11          consisting of basic animal sciences, and veterinary medical sciences, and using learning  
12          competency-based standards and outcomes-based approach. The primary goal of the College  
13          shall be to develop a corps of professional veterinary physicians who are adept in the  
14          prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control of animal diseases, including terrestrial and  
15          aquatic animals.

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17          **SEC. 3. [~~Implementation of Programs and Projects~~]**GOVERNANCE.**** – [~~The DVM~~  
18          ~~program shall be implemented by the Board of Trustees in accordance with]~~THE  
19          GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGE SHALL BE VESTED IN THE BOARD OF  
20          REGENTS OF THE SLSU (THE BOARD), WHOSE POWERS ARE DEFINED  
21          UNDER Republic Act No. 9395, entitled “An Act Converting the Southern Luzon  
22          Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Lucban, Province of Quezon, its Units and  
23          Satellite Campuses in the Municipalities of Sampaloc, Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan, Alabat  
24          and Tiaong, and the Lucena Dual-Tech Livelihood and Training Center in the City of  
25          Lucena, all in the Province of Quezon, into a State University to be Known as the Southern  
26          Luzon State University (SLSU) and Appropriating Funds Therefor”. [~~Moreover, all~~

1 ~~other]~~THE DVM PROGRAM, AND ALL programs, projects and activities to be  
2 implemented in the College shall be in accordance with state policies on education, other  
3 pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution, as well as the policies, standards,  
4 guidelines, and the thrust of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).  
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6 ~~[SEC. 4. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.* — Notwithstanding the provisions of~~  
7 ~~this Act, the establishment of the College shall become effective only upon the determination~~  
8 ~~and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts constituted~~  
9 ~~for the purpose, that the SLSU-Catanauan Campus has complied with the policies, standards,~~  
10 ~~and guidelines of the CHED Memorandum Order No. 01, series of 2018, for the DVM~~  
11 ~~Program: *Provided,* That the panel may issue such recommendation when the SLSU-~~  
12 ~~Catanauan Campus has substantially complied with the minimum requirements for the~~  
13 ~~program.]~~

14 SEC. 4. *COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS.* – THE SLSU, PRIOR  
15 TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE OFFERING OF NEW  
16 AND REVISED COURSES AND PROGRAMS RELATED THERETO, SHALL  
17 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS  
18 AND GUIDELINES OF THE CHED.  
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20 SEC. 5. *SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION.* – THE COLLEGE  
21 SHALL PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
22 PROGRAMS TO ASSIST POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY  
23 FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE. STUDENTS AVAILING THEMSELVES  
24 OF NATIONALLY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO COMPLETE THE  
25 DVM PROGRAM UNDER THE COLLEGE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO RENDER  
26 A RETURN SERVICE AS PROVIDED FOR BY APPLICABLE LAWS AND  
27 REGULATIONS, OR THE CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE  
28 STUDENT AND THE COLLEGE.  
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30 NO STUDENT SHALL BE DENIED ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE BY  
31 REASON OF SEX, GENDER, RELIGION, CULTURAL OR COMMUNITY  
32 AFFILIATION, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, OR ANY OTHER  
33 FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.  
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35 SEC. [5]6. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.* – The importation by the College of medical,  
36 scientific, and technical books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are  
37 for medical, laboratory or scientific and technical purposes shall, upon certification by the  
38 CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act  
39 No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.  
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41 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used  
42 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt  
43 from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from gross  
44 income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the  
45 provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.  
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47 SEC. [6]7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of  
48 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1           **SEC. [7]8. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,  
2 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of  
3 this Act.  
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5           **SEC. [8]9. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act  
6 shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected  
7 shall remain in full force and effect.  
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9           **SEC. [9]10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and  
10 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
11 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.  
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13           **SEC. [10]11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,