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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Samar State Polytechnic College (SSPC), in an attempt to manifest its role to pursue progress and development in Samar envisions to pursue programs and projects that are in line with the program and thrusts as mandated by the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) of 1997, to wit: 1) food security, 2) poverty eradication, 3) productivity and income, 4) sustainable agricultural development, and 5) global competitiveness. Hence, SSPC management felt the need to establish an Agricultural Extension Services Center which will directly cater to the agricultural needs of the Eastern Visayas populace.

The Center will enhance the capability of the College in serving as an effective instrument in the realization of the program thrusts of AFMA inasmuch as the curricular offerings as well as the extension services of the College at present are concentrated more on technological and vocational skills along information technology and/or computers, electronics, electrical, automotive, mechanical, welding, civil and wood technology, ceramics, garments and foods technology.

Furthermore, the Center will also be instrumental in the realization of one of the major projects of the college. This project endeavors to achieve three major pro-environment objective, vis-a-vis: 1) clean air, 2) clean water and 3) green forest for Samar.

In view of the foregoing, the undersigned expects the support of every one to provide Samar the impetus for change from its present lethargic state to a robust agricultural economy.

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE SAMAR STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE  
AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXTENSION SERVICES AT  
CALAPI, MOTIONG, SAMAR, AND CASANDIG, PARANAS, SAMAR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines  
in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established the Samar State Polytechnic College Agricultural and Forestry Extension Services (SSPC-AFES) under the direct supervision of the President of Samar State Polytechnic College in the municipality of Catbalogan, Samar and to be known by that name.

The sites for said SSPC-AFES are in Calapi, Motiong, Samar and Casandig, Paranas, Samar. Based on the local resources inventory undertaken by the Research Center of SSPC, the terrain characteristics of Calapi are: plan (50% of the total land area), hilly (25% of the total land area) mountainous (25% of the total land area). Major crops grown are rice, corn, cassava, *gabi*, *ubi*, banana, peanuts and squash. Secondary products like bamboo, *ipil ipil* and *bariw* are available. People raise pigs, ducks and carabaos and there are also residents who are engaged in furniture-making and mat-weaving. Furthermore, trees like *lawaan*, *guisok*, *narra*, *molave*, *yakal* and *siyaw* are abundant.

Meanwhile, the terrain characteristic of Casandig are: plain (35% of the total land area), hilly (10% of the total land area) and mountainous (55% of the total land area). Approximately 50-60% of the total land area was utilized as timberland and or forest.

SECTION 2. Objective. SSPC-AFES intends offer formal and non-formal training on agriculture technology-related areas, strengthen the physical infrastructure of the College by constructing buildings to serve as venue of meetings, conferences and agriculture-based technology-transfer activities of the College through acquisition of land and agricultural facilities in Calapi, Motiong, Samar and Casandig, Paranas Samar, strengthen the human infrastructure of the College by hiring agriculture specialists and developing the current staff of the College though training and re-training, establish breeding centers for carabaos, cows and the like, undertake immersion with the farmers techniques for technology transfer thereby instill among them the state of the art farming techniques and eventually increase their production

income, offer forest reserves and wild life sanctuaries in the area, and serve as catalyst towards the achievement of clean air, clean water and green forest for Samar and the entire Eastern Visayas region.

Section 3. Component. The project will cover five major components: 1) physical infrastructure, 2) human infrastructure, 3) education and training, 4) research and development, and 5) environmental protection & management.

**Physical Infrastructure cover the following:** acquisition of at least 100 hectares of land in Motiong, Samar, and another in Casandig, Paranas, Samar to be used as the site of SSPC-AFES. This will be used for education and training, for the establishment of forest and wild life sanctuaries, the establishment of breeding centers of domestic animals and fabrication of agricultural farm equipment and implements, construction of school buildings and dormitories and the faculty and students center; and acquisition of the state-of-the-art facilities thereby increasing their productivity.

**Human Infrastructure components** are the hiring of agriculture specialists for training and education; staff development of new and current teaching and non-teaching force/personnel of the College, and organizational building and structuring of community-based organizations and or cooperatives.

**Education and Training** components are the offering of agri-based curricular programs such as BS in Agriculture, BS Forestry, Agricultural Engineering, Veterinary Medicine and the like. Moreover, this will include non-formal courses where the consultant or the technician will employ immersion techniques with the target clientele to update and educate them to apply more efficient and effective farming techniques and methodologies. Health services extension workers will also apply immersion techniques to educate the populace on health and nutrition, sanitation and the like.

**Research and development** center will enhance and strengthen the capability of the College to pursue researches on post-harvest technology, on farm research on high-value crops, breeding centers, environmental protection and management, and the like.

**Environmental Protection and management** component covers forest reserves as well as wild life sanctuaries which will ensure environmental protection and management. Life threatening calamities like flooding, contaminated water and air is envisioned to be minimized if not eradicated with the establishment of the center.

Section 4, Management Scheme- A center director who will oversee its operation will directly manage the Agriculture Extension Services. Said director will periodically monitor and report the different activities of the center to SSPC main campus at Catbalogan, Samar. Under the office of the Center Director are five department heads who will directly supervise the five mentioned components of the center, namely: 1) physical infrastructure, 2) human infrastructure, 3) education and training, 4) research and development, and 5) environmental management and protection. Each department will have their own staff, the number of which will depend on the different programs and activities undertaken.

Section 5-The sum of seven hundred millions pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the funds of the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act and additional funds from the National Treasurer necessary for the establishment, operation, maintenance of said extension services center. Such sums as may be necessary for its

operation maintenance in subsequent years shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,