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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Technological University of the Philippines ("TUP") in the City of Manila was created under Presidential Decree No. 1518 with the objective of providing higher and advanced vocational, technical, industrial, technological and professional education and training in the industries, technology and practical arts. Despite its laudable goals, there is still limited access to the TUP. This is particularly true in Camarines Sur where economic and social conditions make it difficult for talented young students to gain admission to reputable colleges and universities.

Consistent with our government's program of improving the quality of life in the province through scientific and technological education, we are proposing the establishment of the extension campus in the Municipality of Libmanan, Camarines Sur. The proposed extension Campus would aim to be a catalyst in the pursuit of academic excellence in the advanced vocational, technical, industrial, technological and professional fields to meet the current and projected needs for trained manpower in a developing society.

Moreover, the establishment of an extension campus would help in guaranteeing the accessibility of technology education and provide equal

opportunity to modern quality education for the students and populace in the Camarines Sur and nearby localities.

We therefore urge our colleagues to work with us for the passage of this Bill.



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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established in the Municipality of Libmanan, Camarines Sur, an extension campus of the Technological University of the Philippines ("TUP") which shall be known as the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus, hereinafter referred to as the Campus.

SECTION 2. *General Mandate.* – The Campus shall provide higher and advanced vocational, technical, industrial, technological and professional education and training in the industries and technology, and practical arts leading to certificates, diplomas, and degrees. It shall provide progressive leadership in applied research, developmental studies in technical, industrial and technological fields and production using indigenous materials, effect technology transfer in the countryside; and assist in the development of small and medium scale industries in identified growth-centers.

SECTION 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The Campus shall offer courses along entrepreneurial education, two or three technician courses and other skills oriented courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents of the TUP may deem necessary to carry

out the Campus' objectives, particularly to meet the needs of the Province of Camarines Sur and the Bicol region.

The baccalaureate and graduate courses shall be offered as soon as the Campus is ready to offer them.

SECTION 4. *Campus Director I.* – The head of the Campus shall be known as Campus Director I of T.U.P. Libmanan Campus. He or she shall be appointed by the chairman of the Board of Regents of the Technological University of the Philippines-Manila, subject to the approval of the Board. He shall not be removed from office except for cause. The power and duties of the Campus Director I, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of a university.

SECTION 5. *Management.* – The Campus shall be directly managed by the Technological University of the Philippines - Manila, with the Board of Regents of TUP as the highest policy body.

SECTION 6. *Governing Board.* – The Board of Regents of the Technological University of the Philippines-Manila shall have, with respect to the T.U.P-Libmanan Campus, the following powers and duties:

- (a) To fix the site of the Campus in Libmanan, Camarines Sur;
- (b) To enact for the government of the Campus such rules and regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the Campus;
- (c) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Campus;
- (d) To confirm appointments of the Academic Subject Head, Technical Education Specialist, Human Resource Management Officer, Dentist II, Registrar II, Administrative Officer II, Cashier, Supply Officer, Librarian I, Bookkeeper, Nurse I, Guidance Counselor, Instructors and other officials and employees of the University made by the Campus Director I; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as the Board of Regents may promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of existing laws; to remove them for cause after investigation and hearing;

- (e) To approve the curricula and rules and discipline drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as hereinafter provided;
- (f) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation, to award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, public service, statesmanship or eminence in any field of specialization of the Campus and to authorize the Campus Director to award certificates for completion on non-degree programs;
- (g) To provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;
- (h) To fix tuition fees and such other necessary school charges as the Board of Regents may deem proper to impose. Such fees and charges, including other incomes generated by the Campus shall constitute a special trust fund for the exclusive use of the Campus, any provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding;
- (i) To import duty-free essential commodities and materials for advanced educational or technological programs as an exception to existing laws, provided such commodities or materials are not available locally; and to receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, to administer the same for the benefit of the Campus or for aid to any student in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Regents may in its discretion determine. Such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donors.; and
- (j) To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment and other facilities and the purchase of necessary supplies, materials, and equipment, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding: provided, however, that the funds for the purpose shall come from the authorized appropriation of the Campus.

SECTION 7. *The T.U.P - Libmanan Campus Board.* – There shall be a T.U.P. - Libmanan Campus Board, composed of the T.U.P. - Libmanan Campus Director as chairman; the regional director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), as vice-chairman; a representative of National Economic Development Authority; and two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished

themselves in the professions or fields or specialization of the University, one representing the alumni association of the T.U.P. - Libmanan Campus, the other chosen from prominent citizens of Camarines Sur, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Technological University of the Philippines-Manila Board of Regents, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus Alumni Association, the president of the Alumni Association of the Technological University of the Philippines - Manila shall also be an *ex officio* member of the T.U.P. - Libmanan Campus Board of Regents.

SECTION 8. *Promulgation and Implementation of Policies.* – The functions of the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus Board shall be:

- a. To prescribe for the administration of the Campus rules and regulations as are consistent with this Act and the policies laid down by the Technological University of the Philippines - Manila Board of Regents;
- b. To act as citizens' committee to interpret the educational needs of the region to the Board of Regents; and
- c. To exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board of Regents may prescribe or delegate.

A quorum of the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus Board shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus Board of Regents shall be served on the Director or secretary thereof.

SECTION 9. *Meetings of the Board.* – The Board shall regularly convene at least once every quarter. However, the chairman of the Board may, upon three (3) days prior written notice, call a special meeting whenever necessary.

A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office at the time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* that the chairman of the Board or the director of the Campus is among those present in the meeting.

The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance to meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 10. *Administrative Council.* – There shall be an Administrative Council of the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus consisting of the Director as Chairman, and the Academic Subject Head, Technical Education Specialist and other officials of equal rank as members, whose duty shall be to implement policies governing the administration, management, and development planning of the Campus as approved by the Board of Regents.

SECTION 11. *Academic Council.* – There shall be an Academic Council of the University with the Director of the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus as Chairman and all other Members of the instructional staff of the Campus as members.

The Academic Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules and discipline of the Campus subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the Campus as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees, subject to review of the Board of Regents. The Council shall likewise have the power to recommend students to be recipients of degrees. Through the Director of the Technological University of the Philippines - Libmanan Campus or his duly authorized representative, the Council shall have a disciplinary power over the students of the Campus within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline as approved by the Board of Regents.

SECTION 12. *Faculty.* – No religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the Campus: *Provided, however, that*, no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SECTION 13. *Scholarship Program/Admission.* – The Campus shall provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to the Campus.

No student shall be denied admission to the Campus by reason of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

SECTION 14. *Filing of Report.* – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairman of the CHED, and to both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the progress, conditions and needs of the Campus.

SECTION 15. *Appropriations.* – An amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) shall be initially appropriated for the Campus from any

available source in order to immediately open the campus. Thereafter, additional amount as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

SECTION 16. *Imposition of Powers.* – All other powers, functions and privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state colleges/universities and/or their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the Campus and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

SECTION 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,