

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Sixteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5778



Introduced by Honorable Lucy Torres-Gomez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 4, 2013, President Benigno S. Aquino III approved into law Republic Act No. 10599, entitled "*An Act Converting the Palompon Institute of Technology in the Municipality of Palompon, Province of Leyte Into A State University to be Known as the Palompon Polytechnic State University, Integrating Therewith the Marcelino R. Veloso National Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Tabango, Province of Leyte and Appropriating Funds Therefor.*"

In a report, however, rendered by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on the status of implementation of recent legislation establishing or converting schools into state universities and colleges, it was indicated that the "Palompon Institute of Technology (PIT) might not be able to have substantial compliance with the CHED's requirements before the January 2016 deadline". Whereupon, the author of RA 10599 was requested to file an amendatory bill extending the deadline for compliance of the PIT with CHED's requirements.

This amendatory bill seeks to recalibrate the period of compliance by the school as far as the operational requirements for a university provided under Sec. 25 of RA 10599. The adjustment of the time frame of compliance is also to ensure that there will be graduates of the new academic programs in time for the accreditation visit of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), the accrediting body for SUCs.


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AN ACT
AMENDING THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE

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

SECTION 1. The last paragraph of Section Twenty-Five of Republic Act Numbered Ten Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 25. Compliance With CHED Requirements. – x x x

x x x

x x x

x x x

“The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this Act, unless in the meantime it is able to comply with the requirements

provided herein, within a period not exceeding [January 1, 2016]
JANUARY 1, 2020.”

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. H. S.", written in a cursive style.