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HOUSE BILL NO. 6158



Introduced by Rep. Doy C. Leachon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 4, 2013, President Benigno S. Aquino III approved into law Republic Act No. 10596, entitled **"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY (MINSU) 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, the "Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MinSCAT) might not be able to have substantial compliance with the CHED's requirements before the January 2016 deadline". Whereupon, the Representative of the 1st District of Oriental Mindoro was requested to file an amendatory bill to the RA 10596 extending the deadline for compliance of the MinSCAT with the 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 10596. The adjustment of the time frame of compliance is also to ensure that the COPC had already been issued by the CHED; *and* for the College to have ample time to substantially comply with the CHED's requirements.

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AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10596, ENTITLED: "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY (MINSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

Section 1. Section 25 of Republic Act No. 10596 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 25. *Compliance With CHED Requirements.* – xxx

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*"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] **LATER THAN** January 1, [2016]**2018.**"*

Section 2. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,