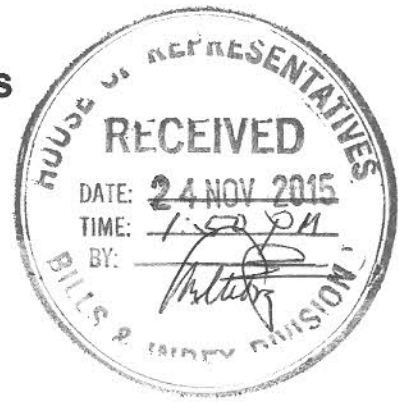


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

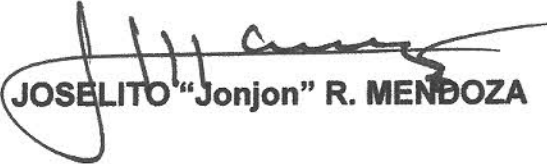
The proposed bill seeks to rename the Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) into the Bulacan State College of Agriculture & Technology (BuLSCAT), in response to the need for institutional and academic growth in the College, to cope-up and be responsive to the call of development. The College administration, faculty and staff, students and other stakeholders are strongly united in their conviction that it is high time for the college to be aggressive in jumpstarting development through offering more technology-based programs and courses.

BASC is located in the Municipality of San Ildefonso, Bulacan, a product of more than six decades of educational dynamism and sociopolitical metamorphoses. It is a state-funded educational institution established in 1951 at Barangay Bintog, Plaridel, Bulacan under the name Plaridel Community Agricultural High School. In 1952, it was transferred to Barangay Pinaod, San Ildefonso, Bulacan and in 1953, it became the Bulacan National Agricultural High School. The school officially became a chartered state college in February 14, 1998, when then President Ramos signed into Law Republic Act 8548 converting it into a chartered state college to be known as Bulacan National Agricultural State College. In 2004, it was finally renamed as Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC).

The College earned a reputation of excellence in agricultural education and research and extension. However, the excellence it attained in the field of agriculture would not make the country competitive in view of the developmental strategy in the Asian region wherein technology-based skills and knowledge play a major role. Thus, it is now imperative for the College to focus not just on agriculture-based program courses but also on technology-based programs and/or courses as well. This endeavor would have its full realization if the Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) can be converted into the Bulacan State College of Agriculture & Technology (BuLSCAT).

The globalization of labor, market and production of goods and services as well as the ASEAN economic integration made it more compelling for the college to strive hard in order that its graduates will be globally competitive. Our beloved country should not be left behind in terms of the competitiveness of our labor force, otherwise, it will weaken our national economy as an inevitable consequence thereof. In order to avoid this situation, the College is determined to do its share by focusing not only on programs and/or courses which are germane to the field of agriculture but also on technology-based programs and/or courses. Again, this can be more realized through the renaming of the college as sought for.

As we need more academic institutions which can provide our labor force with the required skills and knowledge not only in the field of agriculture but in technology-related endeavors as well, the passage of this bill is earnestly and urgently requested.



JOSELITO "Jonjon" R. MENDOZA

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BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSELITO "JONJON" R. MENDOZA

**AN ACT RENAMING THE BULACAN AGRICULTURAL STATE
COLLEGE (BASC) TO BULACAN STATE COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE & TECNOLOGY (BuISCAT)**

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

SECTION 1. Renaming of Agricultural School. – The name of Bulacan Agricultural Sate College (BASC) is hereby changed to Bulacan State College of Agriculture & Technology (BuISACT).

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, which inevitably requires that educational institutions must be responsive to the call of the times and to the need for institutional and academic growth as well as the needs of its stakeholders.

SECTION 3 Additional Courses to be Offered after Renaming. The College, after its renaming shall officially offer, but not limited to, the following priority courses per Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Memorandum Order 1, series of 2014, to wit:

- a. Information Technology:
 - Programming
 - Computer Science
 - Information Systems Management
- b. Engineering
 - Electronic
 - Industrial Engineering
 - Electronics & Communication Engineering
- c. Industrial Technology
 - Garments
 - Industrial Automation Technology
 - Welding and Fabrication.

SECTION 4. In the event that there is still a need to expand the courses to be offered by the College other than those specified in the preceding paragraph, the College as renamed shall secure prior approval from concerned government agencies, primarily from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,