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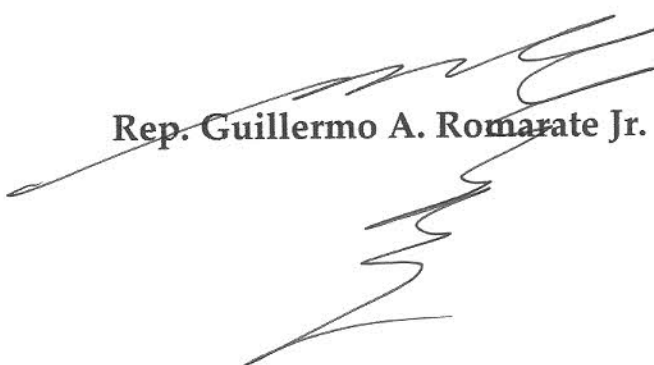
EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 4, 2013, President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III signed into law Republic Act No. 10600 entitled "**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNVERSTIY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**"

On December 7, 2015, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) reported the present status of implementation relating to the above law. It found out that the period given to comply with the requirements for conversion into a university was not sufficient.

Consequently, it has become imperative that an amendatory law be enacted to extend the deadline for compliance of SNSC.

Hence, this amendatory bill which seeks to recalibrate the period of compliance by the SNSU as far as operational requirements for a university under Section 25 of RA 10600 are provided. The adjustment of time frame of compliance is measured to ensure that the COPC had already been issued by the CHED, and for the school to have ample time to substantially comply with the CHED's requirement.



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AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION OF A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10600, ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, 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. 10600 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, [2015] **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,