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HOUSE BILL NO. 6381



Introduced by HON. NIEL "JUNJUN" C. TUPAS, JR.
5th District, Iloilo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 4 June 2013, President Benigno S. Aquino III approved into law Republic Act No. 10597, entitled "An Act Establishing the Northern Iloilo State University in the Province of Iloilo by Integrating the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) in the Municipality of Estancia, the NIPSC-Barotac Viejo Campus in the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, the Ajuy Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Ajuy, the Batad Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Batad, the Concepcion Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Concepcion, the Lemery Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Lemery and the Victorino Salcedo Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Sara, All Located in the Province of Iloilo 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, they said that the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) might not be able to fully comply with the CHED's requirements before the January 2016 deadline mentioned in section 25 of R.A. 10597.

This amendatory bill seeks to extend the period of compliance by the school as far as the operational requirements for a university provided for under section 25 of R.A. 10597 without prejudice to NIPSC having already substantially complied with the requirements of CHED per said provision of law.


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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. 10597, ENTITLED: “An Act Establishing the Northern Iloilo State University in the Province of Iloilo by Integrating the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) in the Municipality of Estancia, the NIPSC-Barotac Viejo Campus in the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, the Ajuy Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Ajuy, the Batad Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Batad, the Concepcion Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Concepcion, the Lemery Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Lemery and the Victorino Salcedo Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Sara, All Located in the Province of Iloilo and Appropriating Funds Therefor”.

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

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1. Section 25 of Republic Act No. 10597 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 25. Compliance with CHED Requirements--- xxx
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The CHED shall designate a panel of experts who shall prepare a recommendation to the Chairperson of the CHED, on whether the institution has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university status.

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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 January 1, [2016] 2018.”

Sec. 2. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.