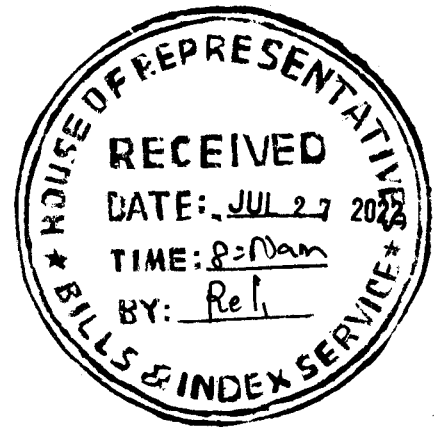


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House Bill No. 2407



Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
2nd District, Ilocos Norte

AN ACT

RENAMING MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY (MMSU) IN THE CITY OF BATAAC, ILOCOS NORTE AS FERDINAND E. MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY (FEMSU), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1279, ENTITLED "MERGING THE MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL COLLEGE AND NORTHERN LUZON STATE COLLEGE INTO A UNIVERSITY, TRANSFERRING THE COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES OF ILOCOS NORTE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND ILOCOS NORTE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES INTO SAID UNIVERSITY, PROVIDING A CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) was established on January 6, 1978 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1279. It was named in honor of the late father of President Ferdinand E. Marcos—Don Mariano R. Marcos, a father, a lawyer, an educator, and a legislator.

Over the years, MMSU has certainly lived up to its name. It was recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as Center of Excellence (COE) in Teacher Education and Center of Development (COD) in Agriculture, Biology, Forestry and Information Technology. MMSU has also been chosen as one of the few National Universities for Agriculture and Fisheries Education in the entire Philippines.

If President Marcos were alive today, he would have been proud of what MMSU has achieved and become—*a university worthy of its name and a place from whence our leaders of the future will come, men and women who can thus rule others because they have learned the basic precept of learning first to rule themselves their emotions and their passions.*¹ A university that has grown tremendously. This was his dream that finally came to fruition.

A true university, he said, *is a school of discipline where the mind, the will and the spirit of men may be enabled to achieve and to create in the image of*

¹ Marcos, F. E. (1980). *Presidential speeches* (Vol. 8). [Manila: Office of the President of the Philippines].

*his maker; who are born or who live in this northern region who must rely on human, rather than material resources have need of this kind of university to transmit the virtues of the older generation to the young, to institutionalize the transmittal of this virtue—from one generation to the other.*²

In recognition of President Marcos' unparalleled vision and undying legacy, this bill seeks to rename Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) as Ferdinand E. Marcos State University (FEMSU)—*from one generation to the other*. A generation that has honored the father and is now ready to honor the son, similar to how a father passes the torch to his son.

Staying true to President Marcos' legacy, the University envisions a premier Philippine university by 2028, guided by the value of knowledge, inclusiveness, professionalism, and spiritual and social responsibility. This shall be the Ferdinand E. Marcos State University.

Considering that the bill has been approved on Third and Final Reading in the 18th Congress, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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² *ibid.*

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

SECTION 1. The Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) in the City of Bataac, Ilocos Norte is hereby renamed as the Ferdinand E. Marcos State University (FEMSU).

SECTION 2. The main campus of the FEMSU shall remain in its present location in the City of Bataac, Ilocos Norte.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form as an integral part of this Act and shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the University.

SECTION 4. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,