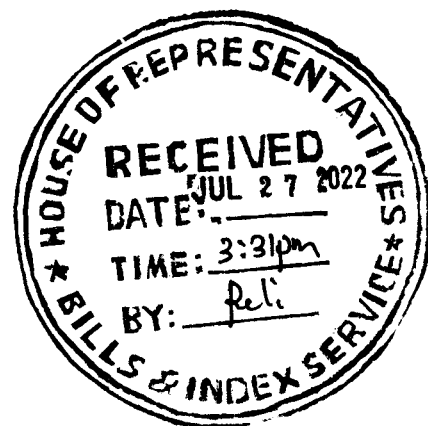


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to promote, and protect the right to accessible, equitable and quality education, Further, it is a commitment of the State to "establish, maintain, and support a complete adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society."

Montalban, Rizal is a first class municipality in the province of Rizal, Philippines. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 443,954 people making it the most populous municipality in the Philippines. It is located at the northernmost part of the province which limits its access to the rest of the province where other institutions of higher learning are located. Other institutions of higher learning are located far in the center of Metro Manila are often financially limiting to students from the province. At present, Montalban Rizal has two main public institutions of higher learning: Colegio de Montalban and University of Rizal System – Montalban Campus.

The influx of people as well as the corresponding economic growth in Montalban Rizal inevitably resulted to the need for a wholistic and expanded public university system that will respond to the relevant and quality learning needs of the constituents of Montalban, Rizal.

In the year 1998, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization stressed the "unprecedented demand for and a great diversification in higher education, as well as an increased awareness of its vital importance for sociocultural and economic developments." As the population continues to grow, a greater demand for accessible basic and tertiary education is being confronted by the government To address this, more schools and higher education institutions should be established

This bill seeks to create the University of Montalban, a state university that will cater to the educational needs of the people from Montalban Rizal its neighboring communities. This bill specifically seeks to convert the Colegio de Montalban created by the Local Government of Montalban, Rizal and The University of Rizal System – Montalban Campus created under Republic Act No. 9157, into one University that will benefit more students and enrich education quality in the district.

As commerce, trade, and other industries continue to grow in the Montalban District, an able and competent labor and work force should also be a priority of the government. This can be attained through public investment in the higher education sector. Hence, the speedy approval of this bill is sought.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE COLEGIO DE MONTALBAN AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF RIZAL SYSTEM – MONTALBAN CAMPUS INTO A
UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTALBAN, AND
AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Conversion.— The Colegio de Montalban in the Municipality of Montalban and the University of Rizal System – Montalban Campus are hereby converted into a university which shall be known as the University of Montalban, hereinafter referred to as University, the same being organized as a corporation under that name.

SECTION 2. Purposes and Responsibility.— The University shall primarily give technical and professional training, advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, humanities, the sciences and arts, besides providing for the promotion of scientific and technological researches. The University has the responsibility to maintain and enhance its high academic standards in the performance of its functions of instruction, research and extension, and public service.

SECTION 3. Powers of the University.— The following are the powers of the University:

- a) It shall have the general powers as set forth in Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines;
- b) It shall have the power to acquire public lands for its expansion and/or beneficial use; and
- c) It shall be authorized, through its college of engineering, to undertake the construction of its buildings and other permanent improvements and such

sums as may be necessary for this purpose shall be included in the annual appropriation for the University. All public works appropriations in the name of the Colegio de Montalban in the Municipality of Montalban and the University of Rizal System – Montalban Campus are hereby transferred to the University as provided for in this Act: Provided, That the construction of its buildings and other permanent improvements as authorized in the Public Works Acts of the Government shall be undertaken by the college of engineering as heretofore provided.

SECTION 4. Governing Board; Composition; Manner of Appointment; Compensation; Meetings; Performance of Functions.— The government of the University is vested in a board of regents to be known as the Board of Regents of the University of Montalban. The Board of Regents shall be composed of the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education who shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board; the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate; the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the President of the University; the Student Regent elected among the students; and the President of the Alumni Association who shall come from the alumni of both originating institution; four members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines: Provided, That two of the additional members shall be selected from the residents of Montalban, Rizal. Provided further that the members of the Board of Regents may designate their authorized representative to attend to meeting of the Board.

Of the four additional members first appointed as provided above, the President of the Philippines shall designate two to serve for three years and two to serve for six years. Thereafter, those appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of six years until their successors are appointed and qualified. In case of vacancy among the members of the Board of Regents such vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines and such appointees shall hold office for the unexpired terms only.

No person in the employ of the University or in any other educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, whether as dean, professor, instructor, lecturer or otherwise shall be eligible for membership in the Board.

A vice-chairman shall be elected from among the members of the Board who shall act as chairman in the absence of the Chairman of the Commission on Education.

The Board of Regents shall hold regular meeting at least once a month and may hold as many special meetings as may be necessary. The members shall serve without compensation but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred either in attendance of the meetings of the Board or other official business.

SECTION 5. Powers of the Board of Regents.— The Board of Regents shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- a) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sum as may be provided by law for the support of the University;
- b) To provide for the establishment of one or more Colleges of Liberal Arts, a College of Social and Political Science, a College of Information and Communication Technology, a College of Commerce and Business Administration, a College of Engineering, a College of Agriculture, a School of Graduate Studies, and such other colleges and schools as the Board of Regents may deem necessary;
- c) To confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science or art: Provided, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable consideration;
- d) To establish chairs in the colleges and schools mentioned in paragraph (b) of this section and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs;
- e) To approve the courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the University Council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses; and all special fees;
- f) To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing evidence of special merit;
- g) To contract for technical services, under certain conditions;
- h) To prescribe rules for its own government;
- i) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the University, or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student or students, in accordance with the direction or instructions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Regents may, in its discretion, determine.
- j) To appoint upon recommendation of the President of the University, professors, associate professors, assistant professors, other members of the teaching staff, and all other employees; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as he may deem proper; to grant to them in his discretion leave of absence under such regulations as he may promulgate, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had; and
- k) To enact for the Government of the University such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the University.

SECTION 6. Administration.—

- a) The administration of the University shall be vested in the President of the University who shall render full time service. The President of the University shall be elected by the Board of Regents which shall also fix his salary not to exceed one million pesos per annum excluding other benefits.

- b) The President of the University shall be assisted by three vice-presidents: one Executive Vice-President, one Vice-President of Academic Affairs, and one Vice-President for External Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the President of the University and whose compensation shall be fixed by the Board. The Board shall have the power to add additional office of vice president which it shall deem fit to the needs of the University but shall not exceed additional three offices.

SECTION 7. Powers of the President.— The powers and duties of the President of the University shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a university which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

SECTION 8. Admission.— No student shall be denied admission to the University by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation. Priority shall be given to the residents of Montalban Rizal and neighboring municipalities.

SECTION 9. Quorum; service of process.— A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board of Regents shall be served on the President of the University or the Secretary of the University who shall be appointed by the Board.

SECTION 10. Report.— On or before the eight day of August of each year the Board of Regents shall file with the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the University.

SECTION 11. University Council; composition; powers.— There shall be a University Council, consisting of the President of the University and all instructors in the University holding the rank of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor. The Council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipient of degrees. Through its president or committees it shall have disciplinary power over the students within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline approved by the Board of Regents.

SECTION 12. Appointments of deans; limitations.— The body of instructors of each college or school shall constitute its faculty, and as presiding officer of each faculty, there shall be a dean elected from the members of such faculty by the Board of Regents on nomination by the President of the University. In the appointment of professors or other instructors of the University, no religious opinions or affiliations of the instructors of the University shall be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, However, That no instructor in the University shall inculcate sectarian tenets in any of the teachings nor attempt, either directly or indirectly, under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Regents, to influence students or attendants at the University for against any particular church or religious sect.

SECTION 13. Exemption from civil service examination.— Professors and other regular instructors in the University shall be exempt as such from any civil service examination or regulation as a requisite to appointment.

SECTION 14. Appointments of Secretary of University.— There shall be a secretary of the University, appointed by the Board of Regents. He shall be the secretary of such Board and also of the University, and shall keep such records of the University as may be designated by the Board.

SECTION 15. Accounts and expenses.— The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex-officio treasurer of the University, and all accounts and expenses thereof shall be audited by the Auditor-General, and all disbursement shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by them.

SECTION 16. Board of Visitors.— The President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall constitute a Board of Visitors of the University, whose duty it shall be to attend the commencement exercises of the University, and to make visits at such other times as they may deem proper, to examine the property, course of study, discipline, the state of finances of the University, to inspect all books and accounts of the institution, and to make a report to the Congress of the Philippines upon the same, with such recommendations as they favor.

SECTION 17. Abolition and transfer.— The University of Rizal System - Montalban Campus is hereby abolished and all its personnel, unexpended appropriations, real and personal properties, and other assets are transferred to the University. The same shall apply to Colegio de Montalban.

SECTION 18. University Town.— The university shall find a main campus which shall apply as a reservation which shall henceforth be known as the University Town, Montalban, with a ruling body composed of school officials and employees who shall be selected in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the President of the University.

SECTION 19. Tax Exemptions.—The provisions of any general or special law to the contrary notwithstanding:

(a) All revenues and assets of the University of the Montalban used for educational purposes or in support thereof shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;

(b) Gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from the gross income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended: Provided, That the allowable deductions shall be equivalent to 150 percent to the value of such donation. Valuation of assistance other than money shall be based on the

acquisition cost of the property. Such valuation shall take into consideration the depreciated value of property in case said property has been used;

(c) Importation of economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical and cultural books, supplies and materials duly certified by the Board, including scientific and educational computer and software equipment, shall be exempt from customs duties;

(d) The University shall only pay 0% value-added tax for all transactions subject to this tax; and

(e) All academic awards shall be exempt from taxes.

SECTION 20. Appropriations.— The sum of one hundred million pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated, for the current fiscal year and succeeding fiscal years, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as annual aid to the University, to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Regents for the establishment of a college or colleges authorized by this Act, in addition to existing appropriations of the University of Rizal System – Montalban Campus: Provided, That the sum of five million pesos out of the appropriations authorized hereof, shall be utilized for fellowship and scholarships as hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 21. Separability Clause.—Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 22. Repealing Clause.—All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 23. Effectivity.— This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.