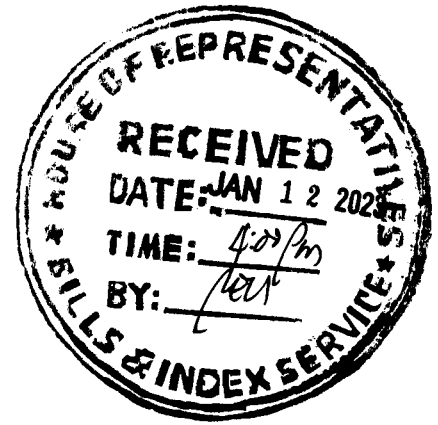


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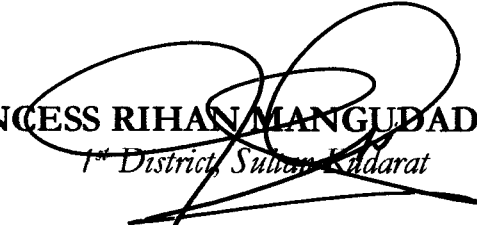
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism. The Constitution likewise asserts that it shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

Critical to the promotion of education and access to learning facilities is the establishment of institutions of learning. At the height of the pandemic, it became manifestly clear that there is glaring insufficiency of health workers and allied medical field professionals. Addressing this gap, however, is not straightforward. To bridge this deficit of health workers and medical allied professionals, there is a need to provide learning facilities to students and make it available to them.

Following the aforementioned, the purpose of this bill is to establish a premier institution of medical education in the province of Sultan Kudarat. The aim is to attract students to study medicine and allied health fields and make it available to them. Further, through the establishment of a College of Medicine in the province of Sultan Kudarat, it is aspired that the said institution be a center of excellence in the field of medicine at par with medical institutions in Metro Manila.

To reach this objective of providing quality education and augmenting the deficit of healthcare workers, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE SULTAN
KUDARAT STATE UNIVERSITY, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE SULTAN KUDARAT STATE UNIVERSITY –
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE

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

Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as “Sultan Kudarat State University College of Medicine Act”.

Section 2. Establishment. – There is hereby established a medical school in Sultan Kudarat State University in the Province of Sultan Kudarat to be known as the Sultan Kudarat State University – College of Medicine, hereinafter known as the College.

Section 3. Mandate. – The College shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program which shall be at least a four (4) year baccalaureate program consisting of the basic science and clinical course. Its primary goal shall be to produce professional physicians to strengthen the health care system of our country.

Section 4. Governance. - The Governing Board as provided under Section 5 of Republic Act 9966, is hereby mandated to be the highest policy-making body in the implementation of this Act.

Section 5. Compliance with CHED requirements. - The provision of this Act notwithstanding, the establishment of this college shall upon the determination and declaration by the CHED in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2016.

Section 6. Scholarship Programs and Admission. - The College shall provide scholarships and other favorable action programs to assist the poor but deserving students who qualify for admission.

Section 7. Tax Exemption. - The importation of science and technical books and publications, scientific and technical equipment for the use the College, upon certification by the CHED shall be exempt from custom duties in accordance with the provisions of Custom Modernization and Tariff Act (R.A. 10863).

All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to the College for its direct, actual and exclusive use shall be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be allowed deductions from the gross income of the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor.

Section 8. Supplementary Application. - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292 also known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

Section 9. Appropriation. - The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Governing Board in consultation with the CHED issue rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 11. Parity Clause. - All other powers, functions, and privileges, responsibilities and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the College and its official, whenever appropriate.

Section 12. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. Repealing Clause – All laws, executive and administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14 – Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.