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House Bill No. **9605**



**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES RALPH WENDEL P. TULFO,
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This bill seeks to establish a College of Medicine in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines - Quezon City Branch (PUP-QC).

Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides:

"The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

Furthermore, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the "Doktor Para sa Bayan Act" provides:

"Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of health of the people through the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies for the appropriate generation, recruitment, retraining, regulation, retention and reassessment of the health workforce making it more attuned to the needs of the population. It is also the declared policy of the State to promote social justice by expanding access to quality education and creating opportunities for underprivileged individuals.

Towards this end, the State shall establish a medical scholarship and return service program that will help deserving medical students pursue medical education and training in the field of health and medicine who shall eventually render services in government public health offices or government hospitals in their hometown or in any municipality in their home province or in any underserved municipality

in any province, as part of their integration into the public health and medical service system. This shall ensure the availability of doctors who will provide quality basic, promotive, preventive and curative health care services in every municipality in the country, especially the underserved, remote, economically underdeveloped, distressed, conflict-afflicted and geographically disadvantaged areas.”

The number of licensed physicians has dropped over the years, with a total of 7.86 doctors per 10,000 persons in the Philippines in 2021 according to the World Health Organization. According to former Department of Health Officer-in-Charge and Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, the country needs around 114,000 physicians at present.

This bill offers a solution to the alarming lack of doctors in the country by providing a medical school that shall extend quality education to the youth of the marginalized sector. This bill seeks to lay the foundation for a comprehensive medical education program that encompasses cutting-edge medical training, research opportunities, and community engagement initiatives. Likewise, the establishment of a College of Medicine at the PUP-QC branch will serve as a transformative step towards producing a skilled and diverse workforce of medical practitioners who are not only academically competent but also deeply committed to serving the health needs of our communities.

The establishment of a College of Medicine in PUP-QC supports the plan of the National Government to augment the capacity of existing state universities and colleges that offer medical programs to the youth of the marginalized sector.

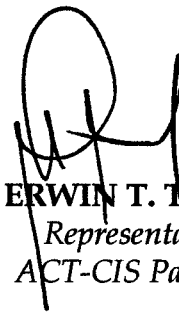
In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE POLYTECHNIC
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES - QUEZON CITY BRANCH AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* - There is established a College of Medicine in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines - Quezon City Campus (PUP-QC) to be known as the "PUP-QC College of Medicine", which shall provide comprehensive medical education, clinical training, and exposure to various medical specialties.

SEC. 2. *General Mandate.* - The PUP-QC College of Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the "College," shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, which shall be at least a four-year baccalaureate program, and shall provide advanced instruction and professional training in the field of medicine, medical science, and research. It shall undertake extension services and development programs such as community engagement initiatives. It shall likewise promote research, and advance studies and academic leadership in the field of medicine.

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24 **SEC. 3. Governance.** – Being an integral unit of the Polytechnic University of
25 the Philippines system, the governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of
26 Regents of the PUP (PUP-BOR), whose powers are defined under Republic Act (RA)
27 No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, as
28 amended.

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30 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College is vested in the
31 President of the PUP as authorized by the PUP-BOR pursuant to RA No. 8292.

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33 **SEC. 5. College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be
34 appointed by the Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the President of the
35 PUP. The Dean shall render full-time service and shall serve a maximum of two (2)
36 terms. Each term shall constitute a three (3) year period and shall be eligible for
37 reappointment for another term.

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39 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean, the successor shall serve only the
40 unexpired portion of the term.

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42 Within one hundred twenty (120) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the
43 President of PUP shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship. The Search
44 Committee may be composed of college faculty members, department heads, and
45 representatives of other colleges or alumni.

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47 The powers and duties of the Dean shall include those usually pertaining to the
48 dean of similar state colleges and universities, and those delegated by the President.

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50 The salary of the Dean shall be in accordance with the professorial rank and
51 shall be compensated according to the pertinent laws on compensation.

53 **SEC. 6. *Medical Academic Advisory Body.*** – There shall be a medical academic
54 advisory body consisting of the Dean of the College, as Chairperson, the College
55 Secretary, Department Chairpersons, representatives from the student body, alumni,
56 medical societies, training hospitals, the Department of Health, and other officials of
57 equal rank within the PUP, as members. They have the duty to review and
58 recommend to the President of PUP the policies governing the administration,
59 management, and development planning of the College.

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61 **SEC. 7. *Faculty.*** – The PUP-BOR shall confirm the roster of faculty of the
62 College, upon the recommendation of the Dean and the President of PUP: *Provided,*
63 That no political belief, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic
64 origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the
65 appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided, further,* That the
66 appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the
67 PUP-BOR: *Provided, finally,* That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against
68 any particular church or religious sect.

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70 **SEC. 8. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide
71 scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist financially challenged,
72 but deserving students who qualify for admission to the College, without prejudice to
73 scholarships, grants, and other financial assistance programs offered and sponsored
74 by national or local government and private organizations.
75 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion,
76 cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.

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78 **SEC. 9. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall
79 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to paragraph 2, Section
80 5 of Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution.

83 **SEC. 10. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and***
84 ***Detail of Personnel.*** – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the National
85 Government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon the recommendation of
86 the President of PUP, such apparatus, equipment, or supplies as may be needed by
87 the College, and to detail their employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of
88 the heads of bureaus or offices, the apparatus, equipment, supplies, or services of their
89 employees may be spared without serious detriment to public service.
90 The detailed employee shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of
91 the College, and the time served shall be counted as part of their regular service.

92 **SEC. 11. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both
93 real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or
94 obligations, shall be titled or named after the PUP.

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96 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall
97 be the property of the PUP, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should
98 the College cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land be no longer
99 needed by the PUP, the same shall be reverted to the concerned local government unit
100 or in favor of the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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102 **SEC. 12. *University Hospital.*** – Considering the willingness of the Quezon
103 City Local Government Unit to support the establishment of a College of Medicine in
104 PUP-QC, the College shall enter into an agreement with the Quezon City General
105 Hospital to serve as its base hospital for the Doctor of Medicine Program.

111 **SEC. 13. *Tax Exemptions.*** – The College shall be entitled to the following tax
112 exemptions:

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114 (a) All revenues and assets of the College used exclusively and solely for
115 educational purposes or in furtherance thereof shall be exempt from all taxes
116 and duties;

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118 (b) All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made
119 to the College to be used actually, directly and exclusively by the College shall
120 be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be allowed as allowable
121 deductions from the gross income of the donor for purposes of computing the
122 taxable income of the donor following provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 8424,
123 otherwise known as the "National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 (NIRC)", as
124 amended;

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126 (c) Importation of medical books or publications, medical equipment or
127 instruments which are not for medical, laboratory, or scientific purposes made
128 by the College upon certification by CHED, shall be exempt from customs duties
129 in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 10863, otherwise known as the
130 "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act";

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132 (d) The College shall be exempt from value-added tax as provided for in
133 Section 109 (1) (h) of the NIRC, as amended; and

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135 (e) All educational monetary awards shall be exempt from income tax as
136 prescribed in Section 32 (B) (7) (c) of the NIRC, as amended.

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138 **SEC. 14. *Development Plan, Management Audit, Organizational or***
139 ***Administrative or Academic Structure.*** – Within the period of one hundred twenty
140 (120) days after the approval of this Act, the College shall accomplish the following:

(a) Submit a five-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the PUP-BOR for corresponding recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management;

(b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the Board of Regents and CHED; and

(c) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structures including the appointment of the key officials of the College.

SEC. 15. *Annual Report.* - On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the PUP-BOR shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the progress, condition, and needs of the College.

SEC. 16. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the general Appropriations Act.

SEC. 17. *Supplementary Application.* - The provisions of RA No. 8292 shall form part of this Act and shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the PUP-QC Campus.

SEC. 18. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the PUP-BOR shall, in consultation with the CHED, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

170 **SEC. 19. *Separability Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
171 regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
172 or modified accordingly.

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174 **SEC. 20. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
175 regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
176 or modified accordingly.

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178 **SEC. 21. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
179 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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181 Approved,