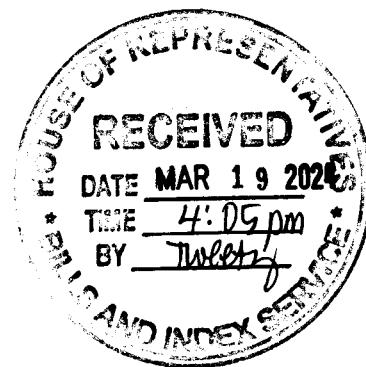




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HOUSE BILL NO. 10187



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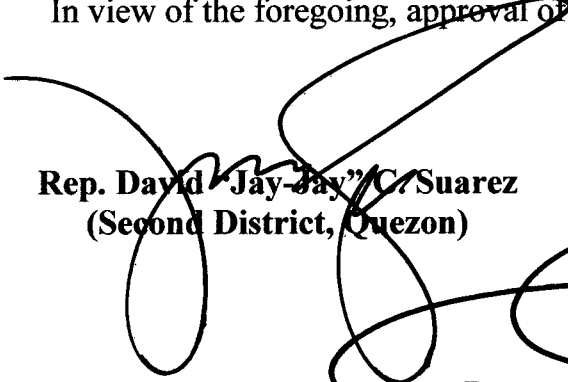
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 2009, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines - General Luna Campus was established as a satellite campus to provide quality tertiary education for people in and around General Luna, Quezon. For more than a decade now, the PUP-General Luna campus has catered to the twelve (12) towns of Bondoc Peninsula - Agdangan, Buenavista, Catanauan, General Luna, Macalelon, Mulanay, Padre Burgos, Pitogo, San Andres, San Francisco, San Narciso and Unisan. However, with a third of its total population of 1,950,459 million belonging to the school going students, and the rate of growth of which is steadily increasing, PUP-General Luna Campus endeavors to capture a bigger student population from the entire Quezon Province.

PUP – General Luna campus is thus poised to accept more students of Quezon Province given its geographic location, and fast migration of people in and around the province. Its current local government support of Seven Million Pesos or Php 7,000,000.00 is no longer sufficient to maintain its operating costs. Under the proposed bill, the PUP-General Luna seeks its conversion to a regular campus of the Polytechnic

University of the Philippines with all its powers, duties, and privileges as a fully recognized university. From its currently enrolled Eight Hundred (800) students for the 1st semester 2023-2024 academic year, the demand to study at PUP-General Luna Campus is expected to increase in the following years. From this perspective, the national government may include its budget for the university, specifically for PUP-General Luna Campus. It cannot be emphasized enough that providing quality education to our people is at the heart of a wholistic approach to promoting progress and development in the province.

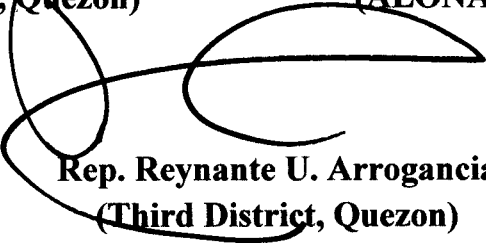
In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the *"Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)-General Luna Campus Act"*.

SECTION 2. The existing PUP-General Luna, Quezon campus, an extension campus of the PUP located in the municipality of General Luna, is hereby converted into a regular campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), to be known as the PUP-General Luna Campus.

SECTION 3. The PUP-General Luna Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization pursuant to the PUP mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem

necessary to respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Quezon and nearby provinces.

SECTION 4. The PUP-General Luna Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of a search Committee duly constituted for the purpose, and the President of the University.

SECTION 5. The PUP-General Luna Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), including those related to its course offerings.

SECTION 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PUP-General Luna Campus, as well as the liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the PUP regular campus. The position, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to its conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PUP-General Luna Campus shall be transferred to the PUP: *Provided*, That should the campus or the PUP cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PUP, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form an integral part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

SECTION 8. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The municipality of General Luna shall continue to fund the operation and maintenance of the PUP-General Luna until such time that the amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

SECTION 9. Within sixty (60) days of the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. If, for then reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,