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House Bill No. 2460



Introduced by Representatives DANTE S. GARCIA and KENNETH PAOLO CODNITA TERENG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) was created by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1778, which was signed by President Ferdinand Edralin Marcos on January 15, 1981. It is the only state university in the whole province of La Union that offers quality and accessible higher education, especially free college education and tertiary education subsidy, under Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act". It caters not only to students who are residents of La Union, but also those from other provinces in Region I.

At present, the DMMMSU has three campuses: the North La Union Campus in the Municipality of Bacnotan, which is the Main Campus; the Mid La Union Campus in the City of San Fernando; and the South La Union Campus in the Municipality of Rosario. However, the number of enrollees in various programs of these three campuses has continued to increase since the last decades. Likewise, in an effort to innovate and become globally competitive, the DMMMSU has embarked on updating and revising its programs and offering new courses that are more relevant and responsive to the needs of the times. This led to greater increase in the number of enrollees aiming to study and finish their degree programs in this esteemed university. For instance, in the Mid La Union Campus, the College of Law, Institute of Criminal Justice Education, Political Science Program, as well as several colleges offering education, technology, engineering, and related fields, are sharing in the cramped facilities and there is not enough space for expansion.

To address the growing number of enrollees, especially for the College of Law and related courses, there is a need to establish a new campus in the vacant university property in the Municipality of Naguilian, to be known as the "DMMMSU-East La Union Campus". This proposed site can house more classrooms and other facilities for courses with high demand and can cater to more students. In addition, there will be more opportunities for growth and development with the establishment of the a new DMMMSU-East La Union Campus.

Moreover, this bill is a refiled version of the 19th Congress version, which was approved by the House, but remained pending in the Senate.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DON MARIANO MARCOS
MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAGUILIAN,
PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BE KNOWN AS THE “DON MARIANO MARCOS
MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LA UNION CAMPUS” AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-East La Union Campus Act*”.

Sec. 2. Establishment. - There is hereby established a regular campus of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), to be located in the Municipality of Naguilian, Province of La Union, which shall be known as the “*Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-East La Union Campus*”.

Sec. 3. General Mandate. - The DMMMSU-East La Union Campus shall primarily provide undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization in the field of law and other related degree courses, pursuant to the mandate of the DMMMSU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of La Union and the Ilocos Region. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in support of socioeconomic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

Sec. 4. Supervision and Management. – The DMMMSU-East La Union Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines, qualifications and standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

Sec. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). - The DMMMSU shall ensure the compliance of the DMMMSU-East La Union Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of the Campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised courses and programs prior to its establishment.

Sec. 6. *Management of Personnel, Assets and Records.* - All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the DMMMSU-East La Union Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the DMMMSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the DMMMSU-East La Union Campus shall be the property of the DMMMSU and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the DMMMSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

Sec. 7. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any 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.

Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,