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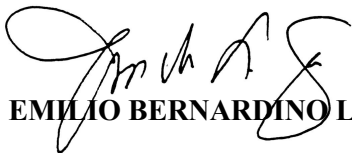
EXPLANATORY NOTE

A significant number of higher education institutions in the country are located in densely populated urban and metropolitan areas. The concentration of SUCs in these locations heightens the demand for accessible student housing. Many students residing within commuting distance must endure long hours of daily travel through heavy traffic using public transportation. For those coming from far-flung provinces, renting apartments, boarding houses, dormitories, or bed spaces becomes necessary. Unfortunately, these privately operated accommodations are often unregulated, leading to inconsistent standards, subpar living conditions, and financial strain on students.

This bill seeks to institutionalize access to safe, decent, and affordable accommodation for deserving students enrolled in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) through the establishment of dormitories located on or near campuses.

It is imperative for the government to establish an environment that supports academic success and student well-being by providing affordable, safe, and regulated dormitories within or near SUC campuses. It will alleviate housing challenges and also contribute to improved academic performance and student welfare.

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


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FREE DORMITORIES FOR STUDENTS IN STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Free Dormitory Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the policy of the State to 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. The State shall establish and maintain a system of education that caters to the needs of the people and society.

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* This Act covers Filipino students enrolled in duly recognized State Universities and Colleges in the country pursuing any degree at the time or after the passage of this Act, subject to the qualifications provided herein.

SEC. 4. *Qualifications.* The student must be enrolled in any recognized State University or College in the country and must have an official residence or address at least twenty-five (25) kilometers away from the school.

The State University or College shall determine those students who belong to low-income families for dormitory rentals in the course of their studies in the college or university. They shall provide rules as it may deem necessary for the effective

implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Establishment.* The State Universities and Colleges, in close coordination with the Local Government Unit concerned, shall identify an idle land within or outside the school premises for the establishment of dormitories.

SEC. 6. *Administration.* All recognized State Universities and Colleges shall establish at least (1) dormitory building with a total housing capacity of a minimum of 150 students. The school shall supplement the necessary technical and administrative aspects of the establishment.

The State Universities and Colleges shall also establish and maintain a system which should have, at the minimum, the following services:

1. Beddings;
2. Comfort Rooms;
3. Cabinets/Lockers;
4. Electricity and Water Supply;
5. Basic First-Aid Medicine and Equipment; and
6. Wireless high-speed internet access

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the regular appropriations of the Department of Education.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The DepEd shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or the Official Gazette.

Approved,