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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE UNIVERSITY OF ANTIQUE, EXPANDING ITS
CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING
BOARD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The University of Antique (UA), established under Republic Act No. 9746, has long served as the primary institution for higher learning in the Province of Antique and its neighboring areas. Over the years, the University has contributed significantly to the province's human resource development, research advancement, and community extension services. However, with the increasing demands of a rapidly evolving academic and socio-economic environment, there is a need to strengthen and modernize its institutional framework.

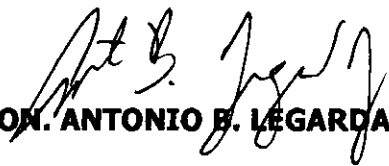
This bill seeks to revise the University of Antique Charter to enhance the University's capacity to deliver quality, accessible, and globally competitive education. It provides for the expansion of curricular offerings, allowing the University to offer programs in emerging disciplines such as law, medicine, engineering, and information and communications technology, among others, in response to regional and national development priorities.

The measure likewise reconstitutes and broadens the composition of the University's Board of Regents to ensure a more inclusive and dynamic governance structure that reflects the diverse sectors of society, including representatives from the public and private sectors, faculty, alumni, and students. It also introduces provisions to strengthen academic freedom, institutional autonomy, fiscal management, and linkages with local and international partners.

Through these amendments, the University of Antique will be better positioned to fulfill its mandate of promoting advanced instruction, research, and extension work that support the sustainable development of Antique and the Western Visayas Region. Ultimately, the bill underscores the State's commitment to inclusive and regionally balanced higher education development as enshrined in the Constitution.

Though revised, this bill draws extensively from the substitute bill approved by the Committees on Higher Education and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, which passed the House of Representatives (HOR) in plenary during the 19th Congress.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. ***Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Revised University of
2 Antique Charter”.

3 Section 2. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – The State shall promote, foster, nurture,
4 and protect the right of all citizens to accessible quality education. It shall establish,
5 maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education
6 towards globalization that is relevant to the needs of the people and society.

7 To this end, the University of Antique (UA) and its constituent units shall be
8 strengthened as a state university to enhance its capability to provide accessible
9 quality education. It shall also be further strengthened by expanding its curricular
10 offerings and the composition and powers of its governing board, developing the
11 competencies and encouraging the specialization of its constituent units, engaging in
12 conventional or alternative instructional techniques, methodologies and strategies,
13 and fostering a unique and distinctive academic leadership towards the improvement
14 of UA as an academic institution and the delivery of higher education services in the
15 Province of Antique and the Western Visayas Region.

1 Section 3. ***University Campuses and Other Units.*** – The UA shall be
2 composed of the following existing regular campuses: UA-Main Campus in the
3 Municipality of Sibalom; UA-Tario Lim Memorial Campus in the Municipality of Tibiao;
4 and UA-Hamtic Campus in the Municipality of Hamtic, all in the Province of Antique.

5 The UA shall also be composed of the following extension campuses, which
6 shall be converted into regular campuses upon the effectivity of this Act: the UA-
7 Caluya Campus in the Municipality of Caluya and the UA-Libertad Campus in the
8 Municipality of Libertad, both in the Province of Antique.

9 The UA is also mandated to create new regular campuses in the Municipalities
10 of Tobias Fornier and San Remigio, both in the Province of Antique, to be known as
11 the UA-Tobias Fornier Campus and the UA-San Remigio Campus, respectively. The UA
12 may open new branches or extension campuses in consortium with other academic
13 institutions, as it may deem necessary, to improve access to quality education,
14 promote innovation and progress in the academe, and advance its research
15 capabilities, subject to applicable memoranda with other institutions: *Provided*, that
16 the UA shall comply with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on
17 Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of regular or extension campuses.

18 The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior and senior high school shall
19 continue to operate under the supervision of the College of Education of the UA to
20 serve the in-campus requirements of its students.

21 Section 4. ***General Mandate.*** – The UA shall primarily provide advanced
22 education, higher technological, professional courses and training programs in the
23 arts, culture, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, education, law, medicine and allied health
24 sciences, maritime education, social and natural sciences and technology, and other
25 relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research and extension services and
26 production activities, and establish business incubation and innovation centers,
27 enterprise labs and startup accelerators to help graduates pursue entrepreneurship
28 and promote local job generation, in support of the socio-economic development of
29 the Province of Antique and the Western Visayas Region.

1 Section 5. **Curricular Offerings.** – The UA shall primarily offer undergraduate
2 and graduate courses, advanced professional and technical instruction and training
3 within its areas of specialization in the fields of arts, culture, agriculture, forestry,
4 fishery, education, law, medicine, nursing, maritime education, ecology, engineering,
5 information and communications technology, other social and natural sciences and
6 technology, and other relevant fields of study within its areas of specialization and
7 according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary for the
8 accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource
9 development needs of the Province of Antique and the Western Visayas Region:
10 *Provided,* That the UA shall comply with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the
11 CHED for the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs.

12 Section 6. **Sports, Culture, and the Arts.** – The UA shall undertake and
13 support comprehensive sports programs, promote physical education, uphold
14 excellence, and encourage competitive participation in sports activities. It shall instill
15 school identity and solidarity and cultivate pride, self-discipline, and teamwork. The
16 UA shall strengthen culture and the arts and strategic national resources and promote
17 its importance to our identity, social well-being, and in the preservation of the cultural
18 heritage of the country.

19 Section 7. **Administration.** – The UA shall have the general powers of a
20 corporation set forth in Republic Act (RA) No. 11232, otherwise known as the “Revised
21 Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The exercise of its corporate powers shall be
22 vested exclusively in the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and
23 the President of the UA.

24 Section 8. **The Governing Board.** – The governing board of the UA shall be
25 the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board. The Chairperson of the
26 Board shall be the Chairperson of the CHED and the Vice-Chairperson shall be the
27 President of the UA. The following shall be the members:

- 28 a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education
29 of the Senate;

- b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives;
- c. Regional Director of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev);
- d. Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture;
- e. Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology;
- f. Regional Director of the CHED;
- g. President of the federation of faculty associations of the UA;
- h. President of the federation of student councils of the UA;
- i. President of the federation of alumni associations of the UA;
- j. President of the nonteaching personnel association of the UA; and
- k. Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.

The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a list of at least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Antique as recommended by a Search Committee constituted by the President of the UA, in consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and other members of the Board, based on the guidelines, qualifications and standards for the position set by the Board. They shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.

The terms of office of the Presidents of the federation of faculty associations, federation of student councils, federation of alumni associations, and the representative of the nonteaching personnel association of the UA shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as provided under their respective constitutions and bylaws.

Section 9. ***Powers and Duties of the Board.*** – The administration of the UA and the exercise of its corporate powers are vested in the Board, which shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under Section 35 of RA No. 11232, the Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- 1 a. Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State
2 policies on education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on
3 education, agriculture, science and technology, and the policies, standards and
4 thrusts of the CHED under RA No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher
5 Education Act of 1994";
- 6 b. Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline
7 drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils, as herein provided;
- 8 c. Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the UA, the vice
9 presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and
10 other officials of the UA;
- 11 d. Prescribe the salaries of faculty members and administrative officials, and
12 employees, subject to the provisions of RA No. 11466, otherwise known as the
13 "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and other laws amendatory thereto, civil
14 service rules and regulations governing hours of service and such other
15 requirements and conditions, other pertinent laws, rules and regulations;
- 16 e. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation
17 fees, graduation fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to
18 impose, after due consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and
19 charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the
20 UA, shall constitute its funds to be used exclusively in the pursuit of its mandate
21 as a state university, and shall be deposited in any authorized government
22 depository bank. All interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the
23 same funds for the use of the UA;

24 The fees and charges collected by the UA, including government subsidies and
25 proceeds from other income sources, as well as interests that would accrue
26 therefrom, shall be retained by the University: *Provided*, That in no case shall
27 the said income be used for the payment of allowances and other benefits not
28 authorized by law: *Provided*, further, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed
29 for the specific purpose for which they were collected;

30 If the UA, for reasons beyond its control, would not be able to pursue any
31 project for which funds have been appropriated and allocated under its

1 approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said
2 fund for any reasonable purpose for which it deems necessary and urgent for
3 the attainment of the objectives of the University: *Provided*, That funds
4 collected from students for specific purposes shall not be realigned or
5 reprogramed to other expenditures;

6 f. Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for
7 greater access of poor but deserving students in accordance with RA No. 10931,
8 or the 30 "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act";

9 g. Establish professorial chairs in the UA and provide fellowships for qualified
10 faculty members, and academic and athletic scholarships to deserving students;

11 h. Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of
12 the UA, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to
13 carry out the purposes and functions of the UA;

14 i. Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;

15 j. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding
16 contributions in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and
17 technology, sports and human kinetics or any field of specialization within the
18 academic competency of the UA, and authorize the awarding of certificates of
19 completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;

20 k. Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the
21 UA;

22 l. Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with
23 appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign,
24 and appoint experts or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or
25 exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;

26 m. Adopt modern and innovative modes of transferring knowledge for the
27 promotion of greater access to education such as the use of information
28 technology, the dual training system, open distance learning, and community
29 laboratory;

30 n. Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges
31 within the Province of Antique and the Western Visayas Region, under the
32 supervision of the CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget

- 1 and Management (DBM), in restructuring the UA to make it more efficient,
2 relevant, productive and competitive;
- 3 o. Absorb non-chartered tertiary education institutions within the Province of
4 Antique and the Western Visayas Region as branches, extension campuses, and
5 external centers, in coordination with the CHED and in consultation with the
6 DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the constitutional
7 mandate of providing equal access to educational opportunities;
- 8 p. Authorize an external management audit of the UA, to be financed by the
9 CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and
10 institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of
11 the audit results and recommendations;
- 12 q. Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government
13 units as well as public, private, local or foreign institutions and agencies for the
14 furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the UA;
- 15 r. Import books or publications, instruments, equipment and apparatuses for
16 economic, technical-vocational, scientific, medical, philosophical, historical,
17 legal or cultural purposes;
- 18 s. Enter into joint ventures with business and industry, after consultation with the
19 DEPDDev for the profitable development and management of economic assets,
20 the proceeds of which shall be used for the development and strengthening of
21 the UA;
- 22 t. Receive, in trust, all legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal
23 properties of all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary,
24 for the benefit of the UA and subject to the limitations, directions, and
25 instructions of the donor, if any;
- 26 u. Extend the term of the President of the UA beyond the age of retirement, but
27 not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications,
28 and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That such extension shall be subject
29 to the term limits provided in Section 11 of this Act: *Provided*, further, That the
30 President's performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and a
31 unanimous recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the
32 Search Committee;

- 1 v. Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other
- 2 officials of the UA, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the
- 3 administration of the affairs of the UA;
- 4 w. Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent
- 5 decision - making within the UA;
- 6 x. Where most advantageous to the UA, outsource the management of non-
- 7 academic services such as health, food, building or grounds or property
- 8 maintenance, and such other similar activities;
- 9 y. Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and
- 10 other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the
- 11 necessary supplies, materials, and equipment; and
- 12 z. Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the
- 13 purposes and functions of the UA.

14 Section 10. ***Meetings of the Board.*** – The Board shall regularly convene once
15 every three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special
16 meeting whenever necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least
17 three (3) days prior to the conduct of said meeting.

18 A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all its members holding
19 office at the time of the meeting: *Provided*, however, That the Chairperson of the
20 Board or the President of the UA is among those present in the meeting.

21 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a
22 CHED Commissioner duly designated by Chairperson of the CHED as representative to
23 the meeting, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member:
24 *Provided*, That during the meeting, the President of the UA, as Vice Chairperson, shall
25 be the presiding officer: *Provided*, further, That this provision notwithstanding, the
26 Chairperson of the CHED may designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular
27 Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the said CHED Commissioner shall act as the
28 presiding officer.

29 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and
30 Vocational Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education

1 cannot attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective representatives,
2 who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members of the Board.

3 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to
4 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their
5 attendance to the meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business
6 authorized by resolutions of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

7 Section 11. ***The University President.*** – The UA shall be headed by a
8 President who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines, qualification
9 and standards, and based on the recommendation of a Search Committee duly
10 constituted for the purpose of selecting the President.

11 The UA President shall render full-time service for a term of four (4) years, and
12 may be reappointed to another term: *Provided*, That in order to ensure the attainment
13 of effective implementation of this Act, the incumbent President of the UA shall serve
14 a new term as the first President of the UA and shall be eligible for reappointment to
15 another term.

16 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the President
17 of the UA, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency, and
18 shall ensure the appointment or reappointment of a president on or before the
19 expiration of the term.

20 The powers and duties of the President of the UA, in addition to those
21 specifically provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office
22 of the President of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the
23 Board.

24 The salary of the President of the UA shall be in accordance with RA No. 11466,
25 and such other laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and on
26 the joint circular for state universities and colleges' leveling instruments, and
27 guidelines of the CHED and the DBM.

28 In case of a vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death,
29 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the President

1 to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge
2 (OIC) of the UA, pending the appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the OIC
3 shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

4 The President of the UA shall be assisted by the following officials: Vice
5 President for Academic Affairs; Vice President for Administration, Planning, and
6 Finance; Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension; Vice President for
7 Linkages, Production, and Research Generation; and Vice President for Quality
8 Assurance. They shall all be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the
9 President of the UA.

10 Section 12. ***The Secretary.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who shall
11 serve as such for both the Board and the UA and shall keep all records and proceedings
12 of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of the UA shall serve upon each member of
13 the Board the appropriate notice of board meetings.

14 Section 13. ***The Treasurer.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the ex
15 officio Treasurer of the UA.

16 Section 14. ***The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative
17 Council consisting of the President of the UA as Chairperson, and the vice presidents,
18 deans, directors, and other officials of equal rank, as members. The Administrative
19 Council shall review and recommend to the Board the policies that shall govern the
20 administration, management, and development planning of the UA.

21 Section 15. ***The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council,
22 which shall formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the President of the
23 UA, who shall act as Chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an
24 assistant professor, as members.

25 The Academic Council shall review and recommend the curricular offerings and
26 rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the
27 requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation and
28 conferment of degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the
29 President of the UA.

1 It shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of the UA and formulate
2 rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.

3 Section 16. ***Heads of University Campuses.*** - The UA campuses shall be
4 headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service for a term of two (2)
5 years and may be reappointed to another term.

6 The Campus Director shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the
7 recommendation of the Search Committee and the UA President, subject to the
8 guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That upon the
9 effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of
10 the UA shall continue to serve as such.

11 Section 17. ***The Faculty.*** - No political belief, sex, gender preference, cultural
12 or community affiliation, ethnic origin, or religious opinion or affiliation shall be a
13 matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the UA: *Provided*, That
14 said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set
15 by the Board: *Provided*, further, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or
16 against any particular religious denomination.

17 Section 18. ***Academic Freedom.*** – The UA shall enjoy academic freedom
18 pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.

19 Section 19. ***Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The UA shall provide
20 scholarship programs and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but
21 deserving students who qualify for admission to the UA.

22 No student shall be denied admission to the UA by reason of sex, gender,
23 religion, cultural community affiliation, and ethnic origin, or any other forms of
24 discrimination.

25 Section 20. ***Loan or Transfer of Supplies, Apparatuses, or Equipment,***
26 ***and Detail of Personnel.*** – Heads of national government agencies and
27 instrumentalities may, upon the request of the Board, through the President of the
28 UA, loan or transfer of supplies, apparatuses, or equipment, and detail personnel to

1 the UA: *Provided*, That such loan, transfer or detail shall not be detrimental to public
2 service.

3 The personnel to be detailed to the UA shall perform such duties as may be
4 deemed required by the President of the UA and the time spent for such duties shall
5 be counted as part of the detailed personnel's regular service.

6 Section 21. ***Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.*** – All assets, both real and
7 personal, personnel and records of the UA, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall
8 remain under the name of the UA: *Provided*, That the positions, rights, and security
9 of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws
10 shall be respected: *Provided*, further, That the incumbents occupying the positions
11 shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided for by the Board: *Provided*,
12 finally, That the UA shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource
13 component as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.

14 All parcels of land belonging to the government that are occupied by the UA
15 and all its campuses are declared as property of the UA and shall be titled under its
16 name: *Provided*, That should the UA cease to exist or be abolished or should such
17 aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the UA, the same shall revert
18 to the concerned local government units or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the
19 case may be.

20 Section 22. ***Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** - The importation of books or
21 publications, instruments, equipment and apparatuses which are for economic,
22 technical, vocational, scientific, medical, philosophical, historical, legal or cultural
23 purposes made by the UA, upon certification by the CHED, shall be exempt from
24 customs duties in accordance with the provisions of RA 10863, otherwise known as
25 the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)".

26 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and
27 used actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the UA, shall be
28 exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions
29 from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in

1 accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as
2 amended.

3 Section 23. **Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational,**
4 **Administrative, and Academic Structure.** – Within one hundred twenty (120)
5 days after the approval of this Act, the UA shall accomplish the following:

- 6 a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, along with a five (5)-year provincial
7 labor market and sectoral alignment plan (to be annexed to its development
8 plan), including its program budget to the CHED for recommendation to the
9 DBM;
- 10 b. Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including the
11 appointment of key officials of the UA; and
- 12 c. Undergo a management audit in coordination with the CHED.

13 Section 24. **Filing of Report.** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the
14 second (2nd) month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall
15 file a detailed report on the progress, condition, and needs of the UA with the Office
16 of the President of the Philippines and both Houses of Congress, through the
17 Chairperson of the CHED.

18 Section 25. **Supplementary Application.** – The provisions of RA No. 8292,
19 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part
20 of this Act.

21 Section 26. **Transitory Provision.** – Upon the effectivity of this Act, all
22 employees of the UA shall be retained in their present positions and no one shall be
23 adversely affected by the approval of the amendments to the original charter.

24 Section 27. **Parity Clause.** – All other powers, functions, privileges,
25 responsibilities, and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or
26 imposed upon the UA and its officials, whenever appropriate.

27 Section 28. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the initial
28 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation

1 of the UA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued
2 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3 Section 29. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90)
4 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED,
5 formulate rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

6 Section 30. ***Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of
7 this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
8 affected are in full force and effect.

9 Section 31. ***Repealing Clause.*** – RA No. 9746, entitled “An Act Converting the
10 Polytechnic State College of Antique in the Municipality of Sibalom into a State
11 University to be Known as the University of Antique, Including its Extension Campuses
12 in the Municipalities of Hamtic and Tibiao, All Located in the Province of Antique and
13 Appropriating Funds Therefor”, and other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
14 and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
15 amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

16 Section 32. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
17 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,