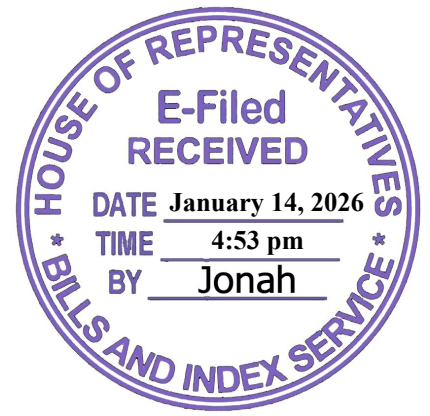


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THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Fourth District of Pampanga is a major agricultural hub, contributing approximately 50% of the province's rice production. The municipalities of Masantol and Minalin are also the country's leading aquaculture areas, making them ideal sites for fisheries and aquaculture programs.

Establishing the Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) campuses in San Luis, Minalin, and Masantol will provide access to quality education, research, and extension services in agriculture and fisheries. These campuses, located within the province's largest agricultural communities, will serve as centers for practicum-based learning, actual farm and fishery practices, and community engagement.

Moreover, since the district is highly vulnerable to climate change, these campuses will help develop climate-resilient practices and innovations that directly support local farmers and fishers. This measure will strengthen agricultural modernization, fisheries development, and sustainable livelihoods in the region.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate 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:

SECTION 1. Short Title.

This Act shall be known as the “Pampanga State Agricultural University–San Luis Campus, Minalin Campus, Masantol Campuses Act”

SEC. 2. Establishment of the PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU-Minalin Campus, and PSAU- Masantol Campus.

There is hereby established a campus of the Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) in the Municipality of San Luis, Masantol, and Minalin, Province of Pampanga, to be known as the PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU-Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus.

SEC. 3. General Mandate.

The PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU- Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus shall primarily provide advanced education, professional instruction, and training in agriculture, agribusiness, fisheries, environmental and natural resource management, agricultural engineering, education, and other related fields of study.

It shall likewise undertake research, extension, and production activities in support of local, provincial, and regional development, and in furtherance of agricultural modernization and food security, consistent with the mandate of PSAU and subject to its capability as determined by the Board of Regents.

SEC. 4. Supervision and Governance.

The PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU- Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus shall be under the supervision and governance of the Board of Regents of the Pampanga State Agricultural University. It shall be headed by a Campus Administrator, who the Board of Regents shall appoint upon the recommendation of a duly constituted search committee, and subject to existing civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

SEC. 5. Academic Programs and CHED Compliance.

The academic programs of the PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU- Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus shall be determined by the Board of Regents and shall comply with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The offering of new programs shall be subject to the University’s readiness and capability, as well as national and regional development priorities.

SEC. 6. Site, Land, Assets, and Facilities.

The PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU- Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus shall be established on a site to be identified in coordination with the Local Government Unit of San Luis, Minalin and Masantol or other lawful donor entities. Such land shall be titled in the name of PSAU and shall form part of its permanent assets.

All buildings, facilities, equipment, records, and other properties of the campus shall be administered and managed in accordance with existing government accounting, auditing, and property management laws, rules, and regulations.

SEC. 7. Application of the Higher Education Modernization Act.

The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the *Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997*, shall be suppletorily applied in the administration and operation of the PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU- Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus.

SEC. 8. Appropriations.

The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Pampanga State Agricultural University. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the PSAU–San Luis Campus, PSAU- Minalin Campus, and PSAU-Masantol Campus shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board of Regents of PSAU, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.

All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity.

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

APPROVED.

