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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Access to quality medical education is vital to strengthening the country's healthcare system and improving the delivery of health services, particularly in underserved and geographically isolated communities. However, aspiring medical students from the Province of Davao Oriental are compelled to pursue medical education outside the province due to the absence of a medical school, resulting in additional financial and logistical burdens that limit educational opportunities for many deserving students.

The establishment of a College of Medicine in the Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) will address this gap by providing accessible and affordable medical education while strengthening the University's role in instruction, research, extension, and community engagement. As the first public medical school in the province, it will also help expand higher education opportunities in the field of medicine within Davao Oriental.

The proposed Davao Oriental State University – College of Medicine is envisioned to become a premier institution for medical education, fostering academic excellence, research, innovation, and community engagement while contributing to the continued advancement of healthcare and national development.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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 “Davao Oriental State University
2 – College of Medicine Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate*** — The Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) – College of
4 Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the "College," shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine
5 Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic
6 science and clinical courses, and utilizing a learner-centered, competency-based, and
7 community-oriented approach. The primary goal of the College shall be to develop competent,
8 ethical, and socially accountable medical professionals to strengthen the country's healthcare
9 system, as well as respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Davao
10 Oriental and the Davao Region.

11 The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide
12 progressive leadership in medical education, healthcare innovation, and community-based
13 health programs.

14 **SEC. 3. *Governance*** — Being an integral unit of the Davao Oriental State University
15 (DOrSU), the governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of Davao
16 Oriental State University, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers and functions are
17 defined under Republic Act No. 11033, entitled "An Act Converting the Davao Oriental State
18 College of Science and Technology in the City of Mati, Province of Davao Oriental, into a
19 State University to be Known as the Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), and
20 Appropriating Funds Therefor," and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise
21 provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.

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23 **SEC. 4. *Administration*** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Dean of the
24 College insofar as may be authorized by the Board.
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1 **SEC. 5. *The College Dean*** - The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be appointed
2 by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, upon the
3 recommendation of the President of the Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), and
4 pursuant to the policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education
5 (CHED). The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be
6 reappointed to another term.

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8 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the DORSU shall
9 constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship. The powers and duties of the Dean of the
10 College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall include those usually
11 pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state universities and colleges and those
12 delegated by the President.

13 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,
14 otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019," and such other laws amendatory
15 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by
16 the Deans of similar educational institutions.

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18 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
19 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,
20 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an Officer-in-Charge
21 (OIC) of the College pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the OIC shall
22 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

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24 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed by
25 the Board.

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27 **SEC. 6. *The Faculty*** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President of the
28 DORSU, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief, sex,
29 gender, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation
30 shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided*,
31 further, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on qualification standards set
32 by the Board in accordance with the policies of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED):
33 *Provided*, finally, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular
34 religious denomination.

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36 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission*** – The College shall provide scholarships and
37 other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for
38 admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the scholarship program
39 under Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the "*Doktor Para sa Bayan Act*," shall
40 render a return service in accordance with the provisions of the said law. Students availing
41 themselves of other nationally funded scholarship programs to complete the Doctor of
42 Medicine degree program under the College may be required to render a return service
43 depending on the contract to be signed between the student and the College.

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45 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of sex, gender, religion, cultural
46 or community affiliation, physical disability, ethnic origin, or any other forms of
47 discrimination.

1 **SEC. 8. Academic Freedom** – The College shall enjoy academic freedom pursuant to
2 Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.

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4 **SEC. 9. Loan or Transfer of Supplies, Apparatuses, or Equipment, and Detail of Personnel**
5 **to the College** – Heads of national government agencies and instrumentalities may, upon
6 request of the Board through the President of the DOrSU, loan or transfer supplies, apparatuses,
7 or equipment, and detail personnel to the College: *Provided*, That such loan, transfer, or detail
8 shall not be detrimental to public service.

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10 The personnel to be detailed to the College shall perform such duties as may be deemed
11 required by the Dean of the College, and the time spent for such duties shall be counted as part
12 of the detailed personnel's regular service.

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14 **SEC. 10. Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel** - All appropriations, assets, both real and personal,
15 personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled or
16 named after the Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU).

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18 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the
19 property of the DOrSU and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the DorSU cease to
20 exist or be abolished or such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the
21 DORSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the
22 Philippines, as the case may be.

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24 **SEC. 11. Duty and Tax Exemptions** – The importation by the College of medical books or
25 publications, medical equipment or instruments intended for medical, laboratory, or scientific
26 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt

27 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise
28 known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)."

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30 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,
31 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College shall be exempt from donor's
32 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from the gross income of the
33 donor for purposes of computing taxable income in accordance with the provisions of the
34 National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

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36 **SEC. 12. Compliance with the CHED Requirements** – The provisions of this Act
37 notwithstanding, the establishment of the medical program shall become effective only upon
38 the determination and declaration by CHED that the institution has substantially complied with
39 the policies, standards, and guidelines for the Doctor of Medicine Program, based on the
40 recommendation of a panel of experts constituted by CHED for such purpose.

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42 **SEC. 13. Suppletory Application** – he provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known
43 as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997," and Republic Act No. 11033, otherwise
44 known as the "Davao Oriental State University Charter," insofar as they are not inconsistent
45 with this Act, shall form part of this Act.

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47 **SEC. 14. Appropriations** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
48 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of
2 this Act, the Board of Regents of the Davao Oriental State University, in consultation with the
3 Commission on Higher Education (CHED), shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to
4 implement the provisions of this Act.

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6 **SEC. 16. *Separability Clause*** – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or
7 invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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9 **SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
10 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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12 **SEC.18. *Effectivity*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete
13 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,