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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **358**

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means on **15 AUG 2017**

Re: House Bill No. **6202**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 367

Sponsors: Representatives Ann K. Hofer, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Dakila Carlo E. Cua

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, to which was referred:

House Bill No. 367, introduced by Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez, entitled:

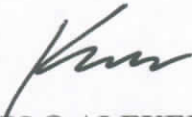
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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6202**,
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 367 and with Representatives Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Ann K. Hofer, Rogelio J. Espina, Celso L. Lobregat, Divine Grace C. Yu, Victor A. Yap, Angelina “Helen” D. L. Tan, Anthony M. Bravo, Carlito S. Marquez, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Greg G. Gasataya, France L. Castro, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Antonio L. Tinio, Arlene B. Arcillas, Jose Enrique S. Garcia III, Luis Jose Angel N. Campos, Jr., Jocelyn S. Limkaichong, Marisol C. Panotes, Evelina G. Escudero, Jonas C. Cortes, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales, Jr., Rose Marie “Baby” Arenas, Vincent P. Crisologo, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Jose “Ping-Ping” I. Tejada, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Dakila Carlo E. Cua as authors thereof.

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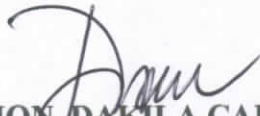
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Establishment.**— There is hereby established a state college in the
2 Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato, to be known as the South Cotabato
3 State College, hereinafter referred to as the College, and integrating therewith the Surallah
4 National Agricultural School (SUNAS) located in the Municipality of Surallah, Province of
5 South Cotabato. Its main campus shall be located in the Municipality of Surallah.

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7 **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** — The College shall primarily provide both advance
8 instruction and research in agriculture and allied technological sciences including education,
9 arts and related sciences. It shall also undertake extension and development programs, and
10 provide the necessary instructional and research leadership in agricultural, environmental and
11 technological development in Region XII or the region called SOCCSKSARGEN.

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2 **SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings.**— The College shall offer undergraduate and graduate
3 courses in the fields of agriculture, environmental management, engineering, education, arts
4 and sciences, and other degree courses within its areas of specialization and according to its
5 capabilities, as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary to carry out its objectives and in
6 order to meet the needs of the Province of South Cotabato and the Region of
7 SOCCSKSARGEN.

8 The existing and any other future technical-vocational courses or programs under the
9 supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall
10 remain and continue to be offered within the campus of the College.

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12 **SEC. 4. Administration.**— The College shall have the general powers of a corporation
13 set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as the “Corporation Code
14 of the Philippines”. The administration of the College and the exercise of its corporate
15 powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and the President of the College.

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17 **SEC. 5. The Governing Board.**— The governing board of the College shall be the
18 Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the
19 following:

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21 a. the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Chairperson;
22 b. the President of the College, Vice Chairperson;
23 c. the Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture of the Senate,
24 Member;
25 d. the Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House
26 of Representatives, Member;
27 e. the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority
28 (NEDA), Member;
29 f. the Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Member;
30 g. the Regional Director of the TESDA, Member;
31 h. the President of the federation of faculty associations of the College, Member;
32 i. the President of the federation of student councils of the College, Member;
33 j. the President of the federation of alumni associations of the College, Member; and

1 k. two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished
2 themselves in their profession or fields of specialization of the College, Members.
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4 The Board shall appoint the two (2) prominent citizens from among a list of at least
5 five (5) qualified persons in the Province of South Cotabato, as recommended by the search
6 committee to be constituted by the College President, in consultation with the Chairperson of
7 the CHED and other members of the Board, based on the normal standards and qualifications
8 for the position.
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10 The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of
11 appointment.
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13 **SEC. 6. *Promulgation and Implementation of Policies.***— The Board shall promulgate
14 and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies on education and other
15 pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, agriculture, science and technology, as
16 well as the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722,
17 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”.
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19 **SEC. 7. *Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees.***— The Board shall have the
20 following specific powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and
21 the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under existing
22 laws:

- 23 a. to promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes
24 and functions of the College;
- 25 b. to receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided for the support of the
26 College in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, in order to carry out the
27 purposes and functions of the College;
- 28 c. to import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;
- 29 d. to receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of
30 all kinds and to administer and dispose of the same when necessary for the benefit
31 of the College, and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the
32 donor, if any;
- 33 e. to fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges such as matriculation
34 fees, graduation fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to

1 impose, after due consultations with the involved sectors. Such fees and charges,
2 including government subsidies and other income generated by the College, shall
3 constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government
4 depository bank, and all interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the
5 same funds for the use of the College. Any provision of existing laws, rules and
6 regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, any income generated by the College
7 from tuition fees and other charges, as well as from the operation of auxiliary
8 services and land grants, shall be retained by the College, and may be disbursed
9 by the Board for instruction, research, extension or other programs/projects of the
10 College: *Provided*, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific
11 purposes for which these are collected; *Provided* however, That if, for reasons
12 beyond its control, the College shall not be able to pursue any project for which
13 the funds have been appropriated and allocated under its approved program of
14 expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said funds for any reasonable
15 purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary and urgent for the attainment of
16 the objectives and goals of the College;

- 17 f. to adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for
18 greater access to poor but deserving students;
- 19 g. to authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and
20 other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including
21 necessary supplies, materials and equipment;
- 22 h. to appoint, upon recommendation of the President of the College, the vice
23 presidents, deans, directors, heads of campuses, faculty members, and other
24 officials and employees of the College;
- 25 i. to fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and
26 employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position
27 Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws
28 governing hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem
29 proper, to grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations
30 as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the contrary
31 notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in accordance with the
32 requirements of due process of law;
- 33 j. to approve the curricula, instructional programs and rules of discipline drawn by
34 the Administrative and Academic Councils herein provided;

- 1 k. to set the policies on admission and graduation of students;
- 2 l. to award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding
- 3 contribution in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and
- 4 technology, agriculture or in any field of specialization within the academic
- 5 competence of the College, and to authorize the awarding of certificates of
- 6 completion of non-degree and non-traditional courses;
- 7 m. to establish and absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the Province of
- 8 South Cotabato as branches and centers, in coordination with the CHED, and in
- 9 consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and to offer
- 10 therein programs or courses to promote and carry out equal access to educational
- 11 opportunities, as mandated by the Constitution;
- 12 n. to establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the
- 13 College;
- 14 o. to establish professorial chairs in the College and to provide fellowships for
- 15 qualified faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;
- 16 p. to delegate any of its powers and duties provided hereinabove to the President or
- 17 other officials of the College, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the
- 18 administration of the affairs of the College;
- 19 q. to authorize an external management audit of the College, to be financed by the
- 20 CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA),
- 21 and to institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of
- 22 the audit results and recommendations;
- 23 r. to collaborate with other governing boards of other state colleges and universities
- 24 within the Province of South Cotabato or Region XII, under the supervision of the
- 25 CHED and in consultation with the DBM, and work towards the restructuring of
- 26 the College to become more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive;
- 27 s. to enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable
- 28 development and management of the economic assets of the College, the proceeds
- 29 from which shall be used for the development and strengthening of the College;
- 30 t. to develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government
- 31 units (LGUs), institutions and agencies, both public and private, local and foreign,
- 32 in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the College;
- 33 u. to develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with
- 34 appropriate institutions and agencies, public and private, local and foreign, and to

1 appoint experts/specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange
2 professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;

3 v. to set up the adoption of modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge
4 such as the use of information technology, the dual training system, open distance
5 learning, and community laboratory for the promotion of greater access to
6 education;

7 w. to establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative decision-making
8 and transparency within the College;

9 x. to privatize, where most advantageous to the College, the management of non-
10 academic services such as health, food, building or grounds or property
11 maintenance and such other similar activities; and

12 y. to extend the term of the President of the College beyond the age of retirement,
13 but not beyond the age of seventy (70), whose performance has been unanimously
14 rated by the Board as outstanding based on the guidelines, qualifications and
15 standards set by the Board, after unanimous recommendation by the search
16 committee.

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18 **SEC. 8. Meetings of the Board.**— The Board shall regularly convene at least once
19 every quarter. However, the Chairperson of the Board may, upon three (3) days' prior written
20 notice, call a maximum of two (2) special meetings whenever necessary.

21 A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all its members holding office at
22 the time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* that the Chairperson of the Board or the
23 President of the College must be present in the meeting.

24 In the absence of the CHED Chairperson, a Commissioner of the CHED duly
25 designated by the CHED Chairperson as representative in the meeting, shall have all the
26 rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided, however,* That during the meeting,
27 the President of the College, as Vice Chairperson, shall be the Presiding Officer: *Provided,*
28 *further,* That this *provision* notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby
29 authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in
30 which case said CHED Commissioner shall act as the Presiding Officer.

31 In case the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Committees on Education shall not
32 be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective representatives to
33 attend the said meeting, who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as a regular
34 member of the Board.

1 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to
2 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the
3 Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolution of the Board,
4 subject to existing laws and regulations.

5 **SEC. 9. *The College President.***— The College shall be headed by a President, who
6 shall render full-time service. The President shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the
7 guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board, upon recommendation of a duly
8 constituted search committee.

9 The President shall serve for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for
10 reappointment for another term: *Provided*, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a
11 state college, the incumbent Vocational School Administrator of the Surallah National
12 Agricultural School, if qualified, shall *ipso facto* become the first President of the College.

13 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent
14 President of the College, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency
15 (SCP).

16 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory
17 retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the President to perform the
18 functions of the office, the Board shall have the authority to designate an Officer-in-Charge
19 (OIC) of the College pending the appointment of a new President.

20 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President as mentioned in the immediately
21 preceding paragraph, the successor or the OIC shall serve only for the unexpired portion of
22 the term.

23 The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those specifically
24 provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of similar
25 universities, and those delegated by the Board.

26 The salary of the President of the College shall be in accordance with the Revised
27 Compensation and Position Classification System as modified by Joint Resolution No. 4
28 dated June 17, 2009 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws, and shall be
29 comparable to that being received by the Presidents of similar educational institutions.

30 The President of the College shall be assisted by a Vice President for Academic
31 Affairs and a Vice President for Administration, who shall be appointed by the Board upon
32 recommendation of the President.

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1 **SEC. 10. *The Administrative Council.***– There shall be an Administrative Council
2 consisting of the President of the College, as Chairperson, and the vice presidents, deans,
3 directors and other officials of equal rank, as members, whose duty is to review and
4 recommend to the Board the policies governing the administration, management and
5 development plan of the College.

6 **SEC. 11. *The Academic Council.***– There shall be an Academic Council to be
7 composed of the President of the College, who shall act as Chairperson, and all the academic
8 staff with the rank of at least an assistant professor, as members.

9 The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the curricular
10 offerings and rules of discipline of the College, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall
11 fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation and the
12 conferment of degrees, subject to review and approval by the Board through the President of
13 the College. It shall have the disciplinary power over students of the College and shall
14 formulate academic policies and rules and regulations on discipline, subject to the approval of
15 the Board.

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17 **SEC. 12. *The Secretary of the College.***– The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who
18 shall serve as such for both the Board and the College, and who shall keep all records and
19 proceedings of the Board in addition to other duties and responsibilities. The Secretary shall
20 serve upon each member of the Board the appropriate notice of the Board meetings.

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22 **SEC. 13. *The Treasurer of the College.***– The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be
23 the *ex officio* treasurer of the College.

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25 **SEC. 14. *The Faculty.***– No political belief, gender preference, cultural or community
26 affiliation or ethnic origin, and religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in
27 the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided, however,* That said
28 appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board:
29 *Provided, further,* that no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular
30 church or religious sect.

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32 **SEC. 15. *Scholarship Program/Admission.***– The College shall provide a scholarship
33 program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who

1 qualify for admission to the College. No student shall be denied admission to the College by
2 reason of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

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4 **SEC. 16. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.***— The College shall enjoy
5 academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article
6 XIV of the Constitution.

7 **SEC. 17. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus/Equipment/Supplies and Detail***
8 ***of Personnel.***— The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government are hereby
9 authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the President of the College, such
10 apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the College, and to detail employees
11 for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, such apparatus,
12 equipment, supplies or services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to
13 the public service. The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them
14 by the President of the College, and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their
15 regular service.

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17 **SEC. 18. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.***— All assets, real and personal, personnel
18 and records of the SUNAS, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the
19 College: *Provided*, That the positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and
20 personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the integration of the SUNAS into
21 the College shall be respected: *Provided, further*, That the incumbents of the plantilla
22 positions of the SUNAS shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided for by the
23 Board.

24 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the SUNAS are hereby
25 declared to be property of the College and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That
26 should the College cease to exist or be abolished, or should such parcels of land
27 aforementioned be no longer needed by the College, the same shall revert to the national
28 government or to the concerned LGU.

29 **SEC. 19. *Tax Exemption.***— The importation of economic technical and cultural
30 books or publications, which are for economic, technical, vocational, scientific,
31 philosophical, historical or cultural purposes made by the College upon certification by the
32 CHED shall be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of RA No.
33 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.

1 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to the College to
2 be used actually, directly and exclusively by the College shall be exempt from donor's tax
3 and the same shall be allowed as allowable deductions from the gross income of the donor for
4 purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of
5 the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

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7 **SEC. 20. Appropriations.**— The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
8 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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10 **SEC. 21. Development Plan, Management Audit/Organizational/**
11 **Administrative/Academic Structure.**— Within the period of one hundred twenty (120) days
12 after the approval of this Act, the College shall accomplish the following:

- 13 a. submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program
14 budget to the CHED, for corresponding recommendation to the DBM;
- 15 b. undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- 16 c. accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, as well as academic
17 structure, including the appointment of the College key officials.

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19 **SEC. 22. Annual Report.**— On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second month
20 after the opening of the regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the Office of the
21 President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of
22 Congress, a detailed report on the progress, condition and needs of the College.

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24 **SEC. 23. Suppletory Application.**— The provisions of RA No. 8292, otherwise
25 known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall be an integral part of this
26 Act and shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the College.

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28 **SEC. 24. Parity Clause.**— All other powers, functions and privileges, responsibilities
29 and limitations to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed
30 granted to or imposed upon the College and officials, whenever appropriate.

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32 **SEC. 25. Compliance with CHED Requirements.** - The provisions of this Act
33 notwithstanding, the establishment of the institution into a state college shall become
34 effective only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the

1 recommendation of a panel of experts it shall constitute for the purpose, that the institution
2 has complied with the requirements for a college status based on CHED Memorandum Order
3 No. 46, series of 2012 (Policy Standards to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine
4 Higher Education through an Outcomes-Based and Typology-Based QA): *Provided*, That the
5 panel may issue such a recommendation when the institution has substantially complied with
6 the requirements for the grant of status as a state college.

7 The following operational requirements for a state college, as established by the
8 CHED, shall be complied with:

- 9 a. full-time permanent faculty members who have the relevant degrees as required by
10 the CHED and experience in the subject areas they handle;
- 11 b. degree programs characterized by a core curriculum that holistically develops
12 thinking, problem solving, decision-making, communication, technical, and social
13 skills in line with the mission of the College;
- 14 c. learning resources and support structures that are appropriate for developing
15 knowledge and skills in the specific natural science, social science, humanities, and
16 professional disciplines offered by the college, including laboratories, books and
17 journals, etc.;
- 18 d. links with the community that would ensure the development of relevant academic
19 and extension programs as well as the application of their learning outcomes; and
- 20 e. outreach programs involving students in social-development oriented experiences that
21 allow them to contextualize their knowledge within actual social and human
22 experiences.

23 The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this Act, unless in the
24 meantime it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein, within a period not later
25 than January 01, 2021.

26 **SEC. 26. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***— The Board, in consultation with
27 the CHED, shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act within
28 sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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30 **SEC. 27. *Separability Clause.***— If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
31 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby
32 shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **SEC. 28. *Repealing Clause.***— All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules
2 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
3 or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 29. *Effectivity.***— This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
6 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 Approved,
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