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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WESTERN PHILIPPINES
UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE "WESTERN PHILIPPINES UNIVERSITY-ROXAS
CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*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 "*Western Philippines*
2 *University-Roxas Campus Act*".
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4 **SEC. 2. Establishment.** – There is hereby established a regular campus of the
5 Western Philippines University (WPU), to be located in the Municipality of Roxas,
6 Province of Palawan, which shall be known as the "*Western Philippines University-*
7 *Roxas Campus*".
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9 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The WPU-Roxas Campus shall primarily provide
10 short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its
11 areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the WPU, and
12 according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the
13 Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs
14 of the Province of Palawan and the MIMAROPA Region.
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16 It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, in support of
17 the socio-economic development of the Province of Palawan and the MIMAROPA
18 Region and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.
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20 **SEC. 4. Supervision and Management.** – The WPU-Roxas Campus shall be
21 headed by a full-time Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board, subject to its
22 guidelines on qualification standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search
23 Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

1 **SEC. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher**
2 **Education (CHED).** – The WPU shall ensure the compliance of the WPU-Roxas
3 Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation
4 of the Campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the
5 introduction of new or revised courses and programs prior to its establishment.
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7 **SEC. 6. Management of Assets, Liabilities, Personnel, and Records of the**
8 **Campus.** – All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and
9 records of the WPU-Roxas Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be
10 titled under or named after the WPU.
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12 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the
13 WPU-Roxas Campus shall be the property of the WPU and titled under its name:
14 *Provided,* That should the said campus cease to exist or be abolished or should
15 such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the WPU, the same
16 shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the
17 Philippines, as the case may be.
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19 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
20 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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22 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from
23 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules
24 and regulations to implement its provisions.
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26 **SEC. 9. Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
27 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form
28 part of this Act.
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30 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
31 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
32 affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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34 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
35 rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the
36 provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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38 **SEC. 12. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
39 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,