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AN ACT

ALIGNING THE CHARTER OF THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "HIGHER EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997," AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 6 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599, ENTITLED "AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE MARCELINO R. VELOSO NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11309

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10599, entitled "An Act Converting the
2 Palompon Institute of Technology in the Municipality of Palompon, Province of Leyte into a
3 State University to be Known as the Palompon Polytechnic State University, Integrating
4 Therewith the Marcelino R. Veloso National Polytechnic College in the Municipality of
5 Tabango, Province of Leyte and Appropriating Funds Therefor," is hereby amended to read
6 as follows:

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8 "SEC. 6. [*The Governing Board*] **THE BOARD OF REGENTS.** – The
9 governing body of the University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter
10 referred to as the Board[, which shall be composed of the following;]. **THE**
11 **CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD SHALL BE THE CHAIRPERSON OF**
12 **THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND THE**
13 **PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SHALL SERVE AS VICE**
14 **CHAIRPERSON. THE BOARD SHALL ADDITIONALLY CONSIST OF**
15 **THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

1 [(a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
2 Chairperson;

3 (b) The President of the University, Vice Chairperson;]

4 [(c) The] (A) Chairperson of the Committee on [Education, Arts and Culture]
5 HIGHER, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION of the Senate[,
6 member];

7 [(d) The] (B) Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education
8 of the House of Representatives[, member];

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10 [(e) The] (C) Regional Director of the [National Economic and Development
11 Authority (NEDA)] DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING AND
12 DEVELOPMENT[, member];

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14 [(f) The] (D) Regional Director of the Department of Science and
15 Technology[(DOST), member];

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17 [(g) The] (E) President of the federation of faculty associations of the
18 University[, member];

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20 [(h) The] (F) President of the federation of student councils of the
21 University[, member];

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23 [(i) The] (G) President of the federation of alumni associations of the
24 University[, member];

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26 (H) PRESIDENT OF THE NON-ACADEMIC AND NONTEACHING
27 PERSONNEL OF THE UNIVERSITY; and

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29 [(j)] (I) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have
30 distinguished themselves in their professionS or [the] fields of specialization[of
31 the University, members].

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33 The Board shall appoint the [two (2) prominent citizens] SAID MEMBERS
34 from [among] a list of at least five (5) qualified persons [in] FROM the Province
35 of Leyte, as recommended by [the] A search committee constituted by the
36 University President, in consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and [the]
37 other members of the Board, based on the [normal standards and] qualifications
38 STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD for the position. THEY SHALL
39 SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF
40 APPOINTMENT.

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42 The termS of office of the RESPECTIVE PresidentS of the [United
43 Filipino Seafarers, the President of the] federation of faculty associations, [the
44 President of the] federation of student councils, [and the President of the]
45 federation of alumni associations, AND THE NON-ACADEMIC AND
46 NONTEACHING PERSONNEL shall be coterminous with their [respective]

1 terms of office, as [set forth in] PROVIDED UNDER their respective
2 constitutions and bylaws.

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4 [The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of two (2) years from
5 the date of appointment.]
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7 IN CASE OF VACANCY AMONG APPOINTIVE POSITIONS IN THE
8 BOARD, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED BY THE BOARD
9 FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SET BY IT AND THE APPOINTEE SHALL
10 HOLD OFFICE ONLY FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM.”
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12 **SEC. 2.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10599, as amended by Republic Act No. 11309
13 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

14 “SEC. 9. *The University President.* – The University shall be headed by a
15 President[, who shall render full-time service and] who shall be appointed by the
16 Board, subject to [the] ITS guidelines, qualifications, and standards [set by the
17 Board], AND BASED ON THE [upon] recommendation of a [duly constituted]
18 search committee[.] DULY CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
19 SELECTING THE PRESIDENT. The University President shall [have]
20 RENDER FULL-TIME SERVICE FOR a term of four (4) years, and [shall be
21 eligible for reappointment] MAY BE REAPPOINTED [for] TO another term:
22 *Provided,* That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the
23 incumbent President of the Palompon Institute of Technology, if qualified, shall
24 serve as the [interim] FIRST President of the University [However, within three
25 (3) months from the effectivity of this Act, a new President shall be appointed by
26 the Board.] WHO SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

27 Within two (2) months before the expiration of the term of office of the
28 [interim] INCUMBENT President of the University, the Board shall constitute the
29 Search Committee for the Presidency (SCP).

30 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death,
31 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the
32 President to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall designate an
33 Officer-in-Charge of the University, [within six (6) months from the date of
34 vacancy,] pending the appointment of a new President[. The successor or the
35 Officer-in-Charge]: *PROVIDED,* THAT THE OIC shall serve only DURING the
36 unexpired portion of the term.

37 The powers and duties of the President of the University, in addition to those
38 specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of
39 the President of similar universities, and those delegated by the Board.

40 The salary of the President of the University shall be in accordance with
41 [the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and shall be
42 comparable to that being received by the Presidents of similar educational
43 institutions.] REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11466, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
44 “SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW OF 2019,” AND SUCH OTHER

1 LAWS AMENDATORY THERETO, WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER BE
2 ENACTED, AND ON THE JOINT CIRCULAR ON LEVELING
3 INSTRUMENTS FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND
4 GUIDELINES OF THE CHED AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
5 MANAGEMENT.

6 The President of the University shall be assisted by the FOLLOWING
7 OFFICIALS: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for
8 Administration, PLANNING, AND FINANCE; AND Vice President for
9 Research, DEVELOPMENT, AND Extension [and External Affairs, who]. THEY
10 shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the President OF
11 THE UNIVERSITY.

12 **SEC. 3.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292 shall form part of this Act.
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14 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in
15 consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.
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17 **SEC. 5.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations
18 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified
19 accordingly.
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21 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the
22 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,