



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9382

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAÑAS-NOGRALES, ACIDRE, SUANSING (M.A.) AND QUIMBO

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE MINDANAO STATE
UNIVERSITY-GENERAL SANTOS CITY CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF GENERAL
SANTOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 College of Medicine
2 in the Mindanao State University-General Santos City Campus located in General
3 Santos City, Province of South Cotabato, which shall be known as the “*Mindanao State*
4 *University-General Santos City Campus College of Medicine*”.

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6 Upon the effectivity of this Act, the current College of Medicine Extension Program
7 offered by Mindanao State University (MSU)-Main Campus located in the Islamic City
8 of Marawi, Province of Lanao del Sur, shall be administratively transferred to the MSU-
9 General Santos City Campus College of Medicine.

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11 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The MSU-General Santos City Campus College of
12 Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine
13 Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program consisting of basic
14 science and clinical courses and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and
15 community-oriented approach. The primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps
16 of professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as
17 to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of South Cotabato
18 and the South Cotabato, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos City
19 or SOCCSKSARGEN Region.

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21 The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and
22 provide progressive leadership in these areas.

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24 **SEC. 3. *Governance.*** – The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board
25 of Regents of the MSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers and functions
26 are defined under Republic Act (RA) No. 3791, entitled, “An Act to Amend Republic Act
27 Numbered Thirteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven Providing for the Establishment of the
28 University of Mindanao in Dansalan City, as Amended by Republic Act Numbered

1 Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Three, so as to Change the Name of the University of
2 Mindanao to Mindanao State University and to Grant a Permanent Site to the Said
3 University,” as amended by RA 3868, entitled “An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of
4 Republic Act Numbered Thirteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven, as Amended by Republic
5 Act Numbered Eighteen Hundred Ninety-Three, Relating to the Composition and Powers
6 of the Board of Regents of the Mindanao State University, and for Other Purposes”, and
7 other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere
8 in this Act.
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10 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in
11 the Dean of the College insofar as may be authorized by its Board.
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13 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who
14 shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines on qualification standards set by
15 the Board, and upon the recommendation of the President of the MSU, and pursuant to the
16 policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The
17 Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be
18 reappointed to another term.
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20 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the MSU
21 shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.
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23 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically
24 provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of
25 similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.
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27 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with RA 11466, or
28 the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory thereto, which
29 may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
30 Deans of similar educational institutions.
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32 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory
33 retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the
34 functions of the office, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President,
35 designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the College, pending the appointment of a new
36 Dean: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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38 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be
39 appointed by the Board.
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41 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the
42 President of the MSU, appoint the faculty of the College: *Provided*, That no political
43 belief, sex, gender, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion
44 or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of the faculty of the College:
45 *Provided, further*, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on
46 qualification standards set by the Board in accordance with the policies of the CHED:
47 *Provided, finally*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular
48 religious denomination.
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50 **SEC. 7. Scholarship Programs and Admission.** – The College shall provide
51 scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students

1 who qualify for admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the
2 scholarship program under RA 11509, or the "*Doktor Para sa Bayan Act*", shall render a
3 return service in accordance with the said law. Students availing themselves of other
4 nationally-funded scholarship programs to complete the medicine degree program under
5 the College may be required to render a return service depending on the contract to be
6 signed between the student and the College.

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

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

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14 **SEC. 9. Loan or Transfer of Supplies, Apparatuses, or Equipment, and Detail**
15 **of Personnel to the College.** – Heads of national government agencies and
16 instrumentalities may, upon the request of the Board through the President of the MSU,
17 loan or transfer of supplies, apparatuses, or equipment, and detail personnel to the
18 College: *Provided*, That such loan, transfer or detail shall not be detrimental to public
19 service.

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

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25 **SEC. 10. Assets, Liabilities, Records, and Personnel.** – All appropriations,
26 assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its
27 liabilities or obligations, shall be titled or named after the MSU.

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29 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall
30 be the property of the MSU and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the MSU
31 cease to exist or be abolished or such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer
32 needed by the MSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to
33 the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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35 **SEC. 11. Duty and Tax Exemptions.** – The importation by the College of medical
36 books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory
37 or scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the CHED, be exempt from customs
38 duties in accordance with the provisions of RA 10863, otherwise known as the
39 "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)".

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

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47 **SEC. 12. Compliance with the CHED Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act
48 notwithstanding, the establishment of the medical course shall become effective only
49 upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of
50 a panel of experts, which shall constitute for the purpose that the institution has complied

1 with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the Doctor of Medicine
2 Program: *Provided*, That the panel of experts may issue such a recommendation when
3 the institution has substantially complied with the requirements provided in the aforesaid
4 Order.

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6 **SEC. 13. *Supplementary Application.*** – The provisions of RA 8292, or the “Higher
7 Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

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9 **SEC. 14. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
10 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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12 **SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
13 approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and
14 regulations to implement its provisions.

15 **SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
16 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
17 are in full force and effect.

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19 **SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
20 rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions
21 of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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23 **SEC. 18. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
24 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,