



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9391

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ (R.), RODRIGUEZ (M.), ACIDRE, SUANSING (M.A.) AND QUIMBO

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES-CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY CAMPUS IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL 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 medical school in
2 the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-Cagayan de Oro City
3 Campus located in Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental, which shall be
4 known as the “*University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-College of*
5 *Medicine*”.

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7 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The University of Science and Technology of
8 Southern Philippines (USTSP)–College of Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the
9 “College”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including an Integrated
10 Liberal Arts and Medicine Program consisting of basic science and clinical courses and
11 using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The
12 primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to
13 strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human
14 resource development needs of the Province of Misamis Oriental and the Northern
15 Mindanao Region.

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

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20 **SEC. 3. *Governance.*** – The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board
21 of Regents of the USTSP, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers and
22 functions are defined under Republic Act (RA) No. 10919, entitled, “An Act Establishing
23 the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), Providing for
24 the Purpose the Amalgamation of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology
25 (MUST) and the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology
26 (MOSCAT), and Appropriating Funds Therefor”, as amended, and other applicable laws
27 and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in
2 the Chancellor of the USTSP-Cagayan de Oro City Campus insofar as may be authorized
3 by its Board and the President of the University.
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5 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who
6 shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set
7 by the Board, and based on the recommendation of the Chancellor, following a process of
8 consultation with the constituents of the College. The Dean shall render full-time service,
9 serve a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed to another term.
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11 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the USTSP-
12 Cagayan de Oro City Campus shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.
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14 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically
15 provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of
16 similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the Chancellor.
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18 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with RA No. 11466,
19 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws
20 amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that
21 being received by the Deans of similar educational institutions.
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23 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory
24 retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the
25 functions of the office, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor,
26 designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the College, pending the appointment of a
27 new Dean: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the
28 term.
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30 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be
31 appointed by the Board.
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33 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the
34 Chancellor and the nomination of the President of the University, appoint the faculty
35 members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief, sex, gender, cultural or
36 community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter
37 of inquiry in the appointment of the faculty of the College: *Provided, further*, That said
38 appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the
39 Board in accordance with the policies of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED):
40 *Provided, finally*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular
41 religious denomination.
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43 **SEC. 7. Scholarship Programs and Admission.** – The College shall provide
44 scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor, but deserving students
45 who qualify for admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the
46 scholarship program under RA No. 11509, otherwise known as the “*Doktor Para sa Bayan*
47 *Act*”, shall render a return service in accordance with the said law. Students availing
48 themselves of other nationally-funded scholarship programs to complete the medicine
49 degree program under the College may be required to render a return service depending
50 on the contract to be signed between the student and the College.

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

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

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8 **SEC. 9. Loan or Transfer of Supplies, Apparatuses, or Equipment, and Detail**
9 **of Personnel to the College.** – Upon the request of the Chancellor and the Board,
10 through the President of the USTSP, the heads of national government agencies and
11 instrumentalities may loan or transfer of supplies, apparatuses, or equipment as may be
12 needed by it, and detail of personnel for duty therein when, in the judgement of the head
13 of bureau or office, the supplies, apparatuses, equipment, or services of such personnel
14 can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

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

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

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24 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall
25 be the property of the USTSP and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the
26 USTSP cease to exist or be abolished or such aforementioned parcels of land be no
27 longer needed by the USTSP, the same shall revert to the local government unit
28 concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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30 **SEC. 11. Duty and Tax Exemptions.** – The importation by the College of medical
31 books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory
32 or scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the CHED, be exempt from customs
33 duties in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 10863, otherwise known as the
34 "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)".

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

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42 **SEC. 12. Compliance with the CHED Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act
43 notwithstanding, the establishment of the medical program shall become effective only
44 upon determination and declaration by the CHED that the institution has substantially
45 complied with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the Doctor of
46 Medicine Program.

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48 **SEC. 13. Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of RA No. 8292, otherwise
49 known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,