



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7733

BY REPRESENTATIVES KHO, BRAVO (M.V.), HOFER, NOGRALES (K.A.) AND
CUA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 737

AN ACT CONVERTING THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR.
MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND
TECHNOLOGY (DEBESMSCAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF MANDAON, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, INTO A
STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. EMILIO
B. ESPINOSA, SR. - MASBATE STATE UNIVERSITY
(DEBESMSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Conversion.* - The Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr.
2 Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology
3 (DEBESMSCAT) in the Municipality of Mandaon, Province of
4 Masbate, is hereby converted into a state university to be
5 known as the Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. - Masbate State
6 University (DEBESMSU), hereinafter referred to as the University.
7 It shall establish regular campuses in Masbate City and in the
8 municipalities of Aroroy, Cawayan, and San Fernando in Ticao
9 Island, all in the Province of Masbate. Its main campus shall
10 be in the Municipality of Mandaon.

1 SEC. 2. *General Mandate.* – The University shall primarily
2 provide advance education, higher technological, professional
3 vocational instruction and training in the fields of arts and
4 sciences, education, agriculture, industrial technology and
5 engineering, information technology, business management and
6 accountancy, tourism and hospitality management, criminology,
7 maritime, medical education, legal education, nontraditional
8 courses and other related fields of study. It shall also undertake
9 research, extension services and production activities in support
10 of the development of the Province of Masbate and provide
11 progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

12 SEC. 3. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.* –
13 The University shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional
14 autonomy, pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5, Article XIV of
15 the Constitution.

16 SEC. 4. *Curricular Offerings.* – The University shall offer
17 undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of arts and
18 sciences, teacher education, agriculture, industrial technology and
19 engineering, information technology, business management and
20 accountancy, medical education, legal education, tourism and
21 hospitality management, maritime education, criminology, as well
22 as technical-vocational programs and nontraditional courses within
23 its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities
24 as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its
25 objectives, particularly in meeting the needs of the Province of
26 Masbate, Region V.

27 The University may operate reasonably-sized laboratory
28 school under its college of education.

1 SEC. 5. *Administration.* – The University shall have the
2 general powers of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa
3 Bilang 68, as amended, otherwise known as “The Corporation Code
4 of The Philippines”. The administration of the University and the
5 exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the
6 Board of Regents and the President of the University.

7 SEC. 6. *The Governing Board.* – The governing body of the
8 University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred
9 to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

10 (a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education
11 (CHED), Chairperson;

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

13 (c) The Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and
14 Culture of the Senate, Member;

15 (d) The Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and
16 Technical Education of the House of Representatives, Member;

17 (e) The Regional Director of the National Economic and
18 Development Authority (NEDA) Region V, Member;

19 (f) The Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture
20 (DA) Region V, Member;

21 (g) The Regional Director of the Department of Science and
22 Technology (DOST) Region V, Member;

23 (h) The President of the federation of faculty associations of
24 the University, Member;

25 (i) The President of the federation of student councils of the
26 University, Member;

27 (j) The President of the federation of alumni associations of
28 the University, Member; and