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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUCBAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment.*** – There is hereby established a medical school in
2 the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Main Campus located in the Municipality of
3 Lucban, Province of Quezon, which shall be known as the "*Southern Luzon State University-*
4 *College of Medicine*".
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6 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The SLSU-College of Medicine, hereinafter
7 referred to as the "College", shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including
8 the Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine (INTARMED) Program, consisting of basic science
9 and clinical courses, and using learner-centered and competency-based approach. The primary
10 goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the
11 healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development
12 needs of the Province of Quezon and Region IV-A.
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14 The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and
15 provide progressive leadership in these areas.

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2 **SEC. 3. Governance.** - Being an institution within the SLSU System, the
3 governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the SLSU, hereinafter
4 referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Republic Act No. 9395, otherwise
5 known as "An Act Converting the Southern Luzon Polytechnic College in the Municipality of
6 Lucban, Province of Quezon, its Units and Satellite Campuses in the Municipalities of
7 Sampaloc, Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan, Alabat and Tiaong, and the Lucena Dual-Tech
8 Livelihood and Training Center in the City of Lucena, All in the Province of Quezon, Into a
9 State University to be Known as the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU), and
10 Appropriating Funds Therefor", as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations,
11 unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.
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13 **SEC. 4. Administration.** - The administration of the College is vested in the
14 Dean of the SLSU insofar as authorized by the Board of the University.
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16 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** - The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall
17 be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and based
18 on the recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the
19 constituents of the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3)
20 years, and may be reappointed to another term.
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22 Within six (6) months of the effectivity of this Act, the President of the SLSU
23 shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.
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25 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically
26 provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of
27 similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.
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29 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act
30 No. 11466 or the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and such other laws amendatory
31 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by
32 the Deans of similar educational institutions.
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34 In case of a vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory
35 retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions
36 of the office, the Board upon the recommendation of the President, shall designate an Officer-
37 in-Charge of the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the
38 Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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40 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be
41 appointed by the Board.
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43 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** - The Board shall appoint, upon the recommendation of
44 the President of the University, the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no
45 political belief, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor
46 religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty
47 members of the College: *Provided, further*, That said appointment shall be subject to the

1 guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That no member
2 of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.
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4 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide
5 scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who
6 qualify for admission to the College.
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8 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion,
9 cultural or community affiliation, or ethnic origin.
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11 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall
12 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of
13 Article XIV of the Constitution.
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15 **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies and***
16 ***Detail of Personnel.*** – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government are
17 hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the Board, through the President of
18 the SLSU, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the College, and detail
19 employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the
20 apparatus, equipment, supplies or service of such employees can be spared without serious
21 detriment to public service.
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23 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the
24 Dean of the College and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.
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26 **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both
27 real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or
28 obligations, shall be titled or named after the SLSU.
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30 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College
31 shall be the property of the SLSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should
32 the College cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no
33 longer needed by the SLSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to
34 the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
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36 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** - The importation by the College of
37 medical books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical,
38 laboratory or scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher
39 Education (CHED), be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of
40 Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act
41 (CMTA)";
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43 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
44 actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt
45 from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income

1 for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions
2 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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4 **SEC. 12. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
5 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of
6 this Act.
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8 **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
9 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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11 **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
12 approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and
13 regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
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15 **SEC. 15. *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 shall
17 remain in full force and effect.
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19 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
20 and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
21 repealed or modified accordingly.
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23 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,