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AN ACT

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

1           **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** – The University of Science and Technology of Southern  
2 Philippines–College of Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall primarily offer a  
3 Doctor of Medicine Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program,  
4 consisting of basic science and clinical courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based,  
5 and community-oriented approach. The primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of  
6 professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to  
7 the human resource development needs of the Province of Misamis Oriental and Region X.  
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9           The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide  
10 progressive leadership in these areas.  
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12           **SEC. 3. Governance.** – Being an institution within the USTSP system, the governance of  
13 the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the USTSP, hereinafter referred to as the  
14 Board, whose powers are defined under Republic Act No. 10919, entitled “An Act Establishing  
15 the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), Providing for the  
16 Purpose the Amalgamation of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) and  
17 the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT), and Appropriating  
18 Funds Therefor”, as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise  
19 provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.  
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21           **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the  
22 Chancellor of the USTSP-Cagayan de Oro City Campus insofar as may be authorized by the Board  
23 and the President of the University.  
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25           **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be  
26 appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications standards, and based on the  
27 recommendation of the Chancellor, following a process of consultation with the constituents of  
28 the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be  
29 reappointed to another term.  
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31           Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Chancellor of the USTSP-  
32 Cagayan de Oro City Campus shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.  
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34           The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided  
35 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state  
36 universities and colleges and those delegated by the Chancellor.  
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38           The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,  
39 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory  
40 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the  
41 Deans of similar educational institutions.  
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43           In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,  
44 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,  
45 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, designate an Officer-in-Charge of  
46 the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge  
47 shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.  
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49           The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed

1 by the Board.  
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3 **SEC. 6. *The Faculty.*** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor  
4 and the nomination by the President of the University, appoint the faculty members of the  
5 College: *Provided*, That no political belief, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation  
6 or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment  
7 of faculty members of the College: *Provided, further*, That said appointment shall be subject to  
8 the guidelines on qualification standards set by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That no member of the  
9 faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.  
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11 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide scholarships  
12 and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for  
13 admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the scholarship program under  
14 Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the “Doktor Para sa Bayan Act”, shall render a return  
15 service in accordance with the said law. Students availing themselves of other nationally-funded  
16 scholarship programs to complete the medicine degree program under the College may be required  
17 to render a return service depending on the contract to be signed between the student and the  
18 College.  
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20 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion, cultural  
21 or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.  
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23 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall enjoy  
24 academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV  
25 of the Constitution.  
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27 **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and Detail of***  
28 ***Personnel.*** – Upon the request of the Chancellor and the Board, through the President of the  
29 USTSP, the heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer  
30 to the college such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail employees  
31 for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment,  
32 supplies or services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.  
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34 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of  
35 the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.  
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37 **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both real and  
38 personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be  
39 titled or named after the USTSP.  
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41 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the  
42 property of the USTSP, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the USTSP cease to  
43 exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the  
44 USTSP, the same shall revert to the Cagayan de Oro City or to the Republic of the Philippines, as  
45 the case may be.  
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47 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical books  
48 or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific  
49 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt

1 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise  
2 known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act".  
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4 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,  
5 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor's  
6 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of  
7 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National  
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.  
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10 **SEC. 12. *Supplementary Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise  
11 known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

12 **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
13 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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15 **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the approval  
16 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to  
17 implement the provisions of this Act.  
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19 **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is  
20 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force  
21 and effect.  
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23 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules  
24 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed,  
25 or modified accordingly.  
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27 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
28 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,