



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7398

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY-CATANAUAN CAMPUS-COLLEGE OF VETERINARY 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 College of Veterinary
2 Medicine in the Catanauan Campus of the Southern Luzon State University in the
3 Municipality of Catanauan, Province of Quezon, to be known as the “*Southern Luzon State*
4 *University-Catanauan Campus-College of Veterinary Medicine*”.

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6 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Southern Luzon State University-Catanauan
7 Campus- College of Veterinary Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall
8 primarily offer a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Program. It shall be a six-year
9 course consisting of a two-year preparatory veterinary medicine curriculum, including
10 general education courses, and a four-year professional veterinary medicine curriculum
11 consisting of basic animal sciences, and veterinary medical sciences, and using learning
12 competency-based standards and outcomes-based approach. The primary goal of the
13 College shall be to develop a corps of professional veterinary physicians who are adept in
14 the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control of animal diseases, including terrestrial and
15 aquatic animals.

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17 **SEC. 3. *Implementation of Programs and Projects.*** – The DVM program shall be
18 implemented by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Republic Act No. 9395, entitled
19 “An Act Converting the Southern Luzon Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Lucban,
20 Province of Quezon, its Units and Satellite Campuses in the Municipalities of Sampaloc,
21 Infanta, Polillo, Tagkawayan, Alabat and Tiaong, and the Lucena Dual-Tech Livelihood and
22 Training Center in the City of Lucena, all in the Province of Quezon, into a State University
23 to be Known as the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) and Appropriating Funds
24 Therefor”. Moreover, all other programs, projects and activities to be implemented in the
25 College shall be in accordance with state policies on education, other pertinent provisions
26 of the Philippine Constitution, as well as the policies, standards, guidelines, and the thrust
27 of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

1 **SEC. 4. Compliance with CHED Requirements.** - Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 this Act, the establishment of the College shall become effective only upon the
3 determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of
4 experts constituted for the purpose, that the SLSU-Catanauan Campus has complied with
5 the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED Memorandum Order No. 01, series of
6 2018, for the DVM Program: *Provided*, That the panel may issue such recommendation
7 when the SLSU-Catanauan Campus has substantially complied with the minimum
8 requirements for the program.
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10 **SEC. 5. Duty and Tax Exemptions.** – The importation by the College of medical,
11 scientific, and technical books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are
12 for medical, laboratory or scientific and technical purposes shall, upon certification by the
13 CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act
14 No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.
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16 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
17 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt
18 from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from gross
19 income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the
20 provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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22 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of
23 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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25 **SEC. 7. Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
26 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of
27 this Act.
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29 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act
30 shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not
31 affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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33 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules
34 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
35 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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37 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
38 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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