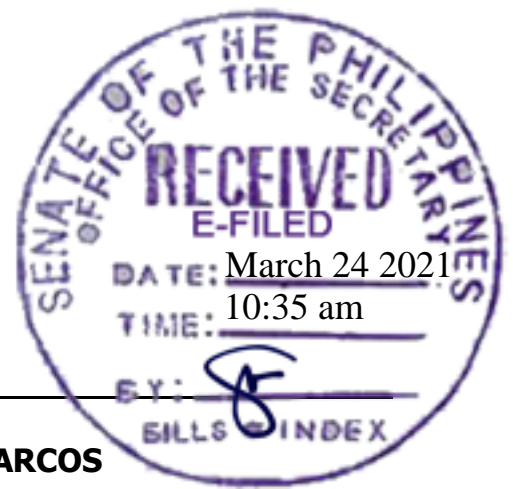


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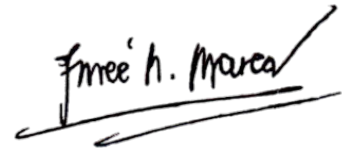
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that "*the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*" The Constitution further mandates that the State establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

The Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) and its campuses, and the North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC) have undergone several institutional transformations to meet the demands of the communities that they serve. The ISPSC has campuses all over the 2nd District, with the main campus in Sta. Maria and extension campuses in the city of Candon and the municipalities of Narvacan, Tagudin, Santiago, and Cervantes, and the NLPSC is at the center and the capital of the district in Candon City. These schools are strategically located making them accessible to the youth including the indigenous people from the upland areas of Ilocos Sur and those from nearby municipalities of the Cordillera Administrative Region. It is just imperative to integrate ISPSC and the NLPSC into a university not only to consolidate the resources of the national government and complement the endeavors of the provincial government but also to give the youth of the Second District of Ilocos Sur a university they deserve.

Hence, this bill seeks to convert the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) into a university to be known as the Ilocos Sur Philippines Polytechnic University (ISPPU), and integrate therewith the North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC).

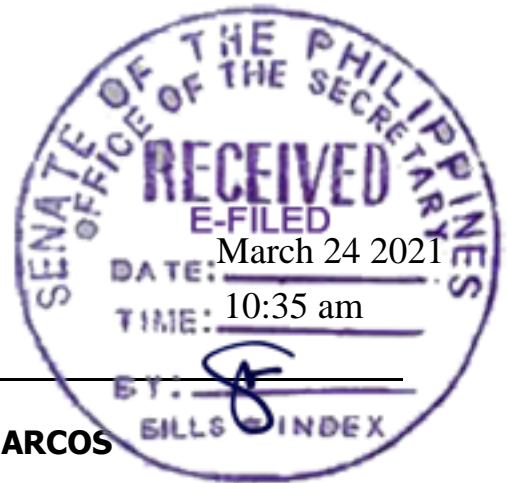
For the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1           **SECTION 1.** *Conversion/Integration.* – The Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College  
2 (ISPSC) located in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, with campuses in the Municipalities of  
3 Narvacan, Tagudin, Santiago, Cervantes, and in the City of Candon, all in the Province  
4 of Ilocos Sur, as well as other campuses that will be created prior to the effectivity of  
5 this Act, is hereby converted into a state university, and integrating therewith the North  
6 Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC) located in the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos  
7 Sur, to be known as the Ilocos Sur Philippines Polytechnic University (ISPPU). Its main  
8 campus shall be located in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, Province of Ilocos Sur.

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10           Upon effectivity of this Act, notwithstanding compliance with the requirements  
11 of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for a university status, the NLPSC shall  
12 immediately be integrated into the existing ISPSC as a regular campus to be known as  
13 the ISPSO–Candon City Campus: *Provided further,* That, the existing ISPSC-Candon City  
14 Campus shall be renamed as the ISPSC-Darapidap Campus.

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16           **SEC. 2.** *General Mandate.* – The ISPPU shall primarily provide advance  
17 education, higher professional and technological instruction, technical and vocational  
18 education and training in humanities, engineering, science and technology, agriculture,  
19 business and entrepreneurship, and other relevant fields of study. It shall also

1 undertake research and extension services and production activities in support of the  
2 socio-economic development of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.

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4 **SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings.** – The ISPPU shall offer short-term technical  
5 vocational, undergraduate, graduate courses, and post-graduate programs, within its  
6 competency and areas of specialization in the fields of agriculture, education, business  
7 administration, culture and arts, technology, engineering, architecture, health sciences,  
8 criminal justice education, and other degree courses, as the Board of Regents,  
9 hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of  
10 its objectives, and those which respond to meet the human resource development  
11 needs of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.

12  
13 The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior high school shall continue to  
14 operate under the supervision of the College of Education of the ISPPU to serve the in-  
15 campus requirements of its students.

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17 The existing and any other future technical-vocational courses or programs under  
18 the suspension of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)  
19 shall continue to be offered in the ISPPU.

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21 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The ISPPU shall have the general powers of a  
22 corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as “The  
23 Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The exercise of its corporate powers shall be  
24 vested exclusively in the Board and the President of the ISPPU.

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26 **SEC. 5. The Governing Board.** – The governing body of the ISPPU shall be the  
27 Board, which shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chairperson of the CHED and the  
28 President of the ISPPU, respectively, and with the following, as-members:

- 29 a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational  
30 Education of the Senate;  
31 b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the  
32 House  
33 of Representatives;  
34 c. Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority;  
35 d. Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology;  
36 e. Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture;  
37 f. Regional Director of the TESDA;  
38 g. President of the federation of faculty associations of the ISPPU;  
39 h. President of the federation of student councils of the ISPPU;  
40 i. President of the federation of alumni associations of the ISPPU; and  
41 j. Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished  
42 themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.

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2 The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall, be selected from  
3 a list of at least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Ilocos Sur as  
4 recommended by a search committee constituted by the President of the ISPPU, in  
5 consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and other members of the Board, based  
6 on the standards and qualifications for the position set by the Board. They shall serve  
7 for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.

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9 The membership of the President of the federation of faculty associations, the  
10 President of the federation of student councils, and the President of the federation of  
11 alumni associations in the board shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as  
12 provided under their respective constitutions and bylaws.

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14 **SEC. 6. Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.** – In addition to its general  
15 powers of administration and the powers granted to the board of directors of a  
16 corporation under existing laws, the Board shall have the following specific powers and  
17 duties;

- 18 a. Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State  
19 policies on education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on  
20 education, agriculture, science and technology, and the policies, standards  
21 and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as  
22 the "Higher Education Act of 1994";
- 23 b. Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline  
24 drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein provided;
- 25 c. Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the ISPPU, the vice  
26 presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and  
27 other officials and employees of the ISPPU;
- 28 d. Fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, administrative officials and  
29 employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and  
30 Position Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation  
31 laws governing hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it  
32 may deem proper; grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such  
33 regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the contrary  
34 notwithstanding; and remove them for cause in accordance with the  
35 requirements of due process of law;
- 36 e. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation  
37 fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to  
38 impose, after due consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and  
39 charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the  
40 ISPPU, shall constitute its special trust funds, and shall be deposited in any  
41 authorized government depository bank. All interests that shall accrue  
42 therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the ISPPU.

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2 Any provision of existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary  
3 notwithstanding, any income generated by the ISPPU from tuition fees and  
4 other charges, as well as from the operation of auxiliary services and land  
5 grants, shall be retained by the ISPPU and may be disbursed by the Board  
6 for instruction, research, extension services or other programs and projects  
7 of the ISPPU: Provided, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the  
8 specific purposes for which these are collected: Provided, however. That if,  
9 for reasons beyond its control, the ISPPU shall not be able to pursue any  
10 project for which the funds have been appropriated and allocated under its  
11 approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said  
12 funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary  
13 and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the ISPPU;  
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- 15 f. Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for  
16 greater access of poor but deserving students in accordance with Republic  
17 Act No. 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act";  
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- 19 g. Establish professorial chairs in the ISPPU and provide fellowships for qualified  
20 faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;  
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- 22 h. Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of  
23 the ISPPU, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion,  
24 determine to carry out the purposes and functions of the ISPPU;  
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- 26 i. Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;  
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- 28 j. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding  
29 contribution in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and  
30 technology, agriculture or any field of specialization within the academic  
31 competency of the ISPPU, and authorize the awarding of certificates of  
32 completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;  
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- 34 k. Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the  
35 ISPPU;  
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- 37 l. Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with  
38 appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or  
39 foreign, and appoint experts or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting  
40 or exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;  
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- 42 m. Adopt modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge for the  
43 promotion of greater access to education such as the use of information

1 technology, dual training system, open distance learning, and community  
2 laboratory;

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- 4 n. Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges  
5 within the province of Ilocos Sur and Region 1, under the supervision of the  
6 CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management  
7 (DBM), in restructuring the IPSSU to make it more efficient, relevant,  
8 productive and competitive;  
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- 10 o. Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the province of Ilocos Sur  
11 and Region 1 as branches, extension or external centers, in coordination with  
12 the CHED and in consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or  
13 courses to carry out the constitutional mandate of providing equal access to  
14 educational opportunities;  
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- 16 p. Authorize an external management audit of the ISPPU, to be financed by the  
17 CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and  
18 institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of  
19 the audit results and recommendation;  
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- 21 q. Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local  
22 government units (LGUs), as well as public, private, local or foreign  
23 institutions and agencies, in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives  
24 of the ISPPU;  
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- 26 r. Import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;  
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- 28 s. Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable  
29 development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which  
30 shall be used for the development and strengthening of the ISPPU;  
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- 33 t. Receive, in trust, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties  
34 of all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the  
35 benefit of the ISPPU and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions  
36 of the donor, if any;  
37
- 38 u. Extend the term of the President of the ISPPU beyond the age of retirement,  
39 but not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines,  
40 qualifications and standards set by the Board; Provided, That the Resident's  
41 performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and a unanimous  
42 recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the search  
43 committee;  
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- 1 v. Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other  
2 officials of the ISPPU, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the  
3 administration of the affairs of the ISPPU;  
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- 5 w. Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent  
6 decision-making within the ISPPU;  
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- 8 x. Where most advantageous to the ISPPU, privatize the management of  
9 nonacademic services such as health, food, building, grounds or property  
10 maintenance, and such other similar activities;  
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- 12 y. Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment  
13 and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property,  
14 including the necessary supplies, materials and equipment; and  
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- 16 z. Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the  
17 purposes and functions of the ISPPU.  
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19 **SEC. 7. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board shall regularly convene once every  
20 three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting  
21 whenever necessarily: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3)  
22 days prior to the conduct of said meeting.  
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24 A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office  
25 at the time of the meeting; *Provided*, however, That the Chairperson of the Board or  
26 the President of the ISPPU is among those present in the meeting.  
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28 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a  
29 CHED Commissioner duly designated by the Chairperson of the CHED as representative  
30 to the meeting, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member:  
31 *Provided*, That during the meeting, the President of the ISPPU, as Vice Chairperson,  
32 shall be the presiding officer. *Provided*, further. That this provision notwithstanding,  
33 the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner  
34 as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the said CHED Commissioner  
35 shall act as the presiding officer.  
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37 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and  
38 Vocational Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education  
39 shall not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective  
40 representatives to attend the meeting, who shall have the same rights and  
41 responsibilities as regular members of the Board.  
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43 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to  
44 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance



1 to the meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by  
2 resolutions of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

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4 **SEC. 8. *The University President.*** – The ISPPU shall be headed by a President  
5 who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and  
6 standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted  
7 for the purpose of selecting the President.

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9 The President shall render full-time service and shall have a term of four (4)  
10 years and may be reappointed to another term: *Provided*, That in order to effect the  
11 smooth transition of the college to a state university, the incumbent President of the  
12 ISPPU, if qualified, shall serve as the first President of the ISPPU.

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14 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent  
15 President of the ISPPU, the Board shall constitute the search committee for the  
16 Presidency.

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18 The powers and duties of the President of the ISPPU, in addition to those  
19 specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the  
20 President of similar universities and those delegated by the Board.

21  
22 The salary of the President of the ISPPU shall be in accordance with Republic  
23 Act No. 11466 or the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and by such other laws  
24 amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to  
25 that being received by the presidents-of similar educational institutions.

26  
27 The Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge of the ISPPU in case of a vacancy  
28 in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation,  
29 removal for cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the office,  
30 pending the appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall  
31 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

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33 The President of the ISPPU shall be assisted by a Vice President for Academic  
34 Affairs, a Vice President for Administration, and a Vice President for Research and  
35 Development, Extension, Services and Training, who shall all be appointed by the Board  
36 upon the recommendation of the President.

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38 **SEC. 9. *The Secretary of the University.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary  
39 who shall serve as such for both the Board and the ISPPU and shall keep all records  
40 and proceedings of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of the ISPPU shall serve upon  
41 each member of the Board the appropriate notice of board meetings.

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43 **SEC. 10. *The Treasurer of the University.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines  
44 shall be the *ex officio* Treasurer of the ISPPU.

1           **SEC. 11. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative Council  
2 consisting of the President of the ISPPU as chairperson, and the vice presidents, deans,  
3 directors and other officials of equal rank as members, that shall review and  
4 recommend to the Board the policies that shall govern the administration, management  
5 and development planning of the ISPPU.  
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7           **SEC. 12. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council, which  
8 shall formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the President of the ISPPU,  
9 who shall act as chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant  
10 professor, as members.  
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12           The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the  
13 curricular offerings and rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.  
14 It shall fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation  
15 and conferment of degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through  
16 the President of the ISPPU. It shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of the  
17 ISPPU and shall formulate rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the  
18 approval of the Board.  
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20           **SEC. 13. *Heads of University Campuses.*** – The Campus Directors shall  
21 respectively serve as heads or administrators of the ISPPU’s campuses and render full-  
22 time service.  
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24           They shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon recommendation of  
25 the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and  
26 standards set by the Board: Provided, That, upon the effectivity of this Act, the  
27 incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of the ISPSC shall continue to  
28 serve as such.  
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30           **SEC. 14. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, gender preference, cultural or  
31 community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a  
32 matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the ISPPU: *Provided,* That  
33 said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by  
34 the Board: *Provided, further,* That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against  
35 any particular church or religious sect.  
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37           **SEC. 15. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The ISPPU shall  
38 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2, Section  
39 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.  
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41           **SEC. 16. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The ISPPU shall provide  
42 scholarship and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students  
43 who qualify for admission to the ISPPU.

1 No student shall be denied admission to the ISPPU by reason of gender, religion,  
2 cultural or community affiliation, physical disability or ethnic origin.

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4 **SEC. 17. Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies and**  
5 **Detail of Personnel.** – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government  
6 are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the President of the  
7 ISPPU, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the ISPPU, and  
8 detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office,  
9 such apparatus, equipment, supplies or service of such employees can be spared  
10 without serious detriment to public service.

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12 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the  
13 President the ISPPU and the time thus served shall be counted as part of their regular  
14 service.

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16 **SEC. 18. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.** - All assets, real and personal,  
17 personnel, and records of the ISPSC and the NLPSC, as well as their liabilities or  
18 obligations, are hereby transferred to the ISPPU: *Provided*, That the positions, rights  
19 and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under  
20 existing laws prior to the conversion into a university shall be respected: *Provided*,  
21 *further*, That the incumbents occupying the positions shall remain in the same status  
22 until otherwise provided for by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That the ISPPU shall also  
23 accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as may be deemed  
24 appropriate by the Board.

25  
26 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the ISPSC and the  
27 NLPSC and all its campuses are hereby declared property of the ISPPU, and shall be  
28 titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the ISPPU cease to exist or be abolished  
29 or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the ISPPU, the  
30 same shall revert to the concerned LGU or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the  
31 case may be.

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33 **SEC. 19. Tax Exemption on Importation and Donations.** – The importation by  
34 the ISPPU of economic, technical and cultural books or publications, which are for  
35 economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical or cultural purposes  
36 shall, upon certification by the CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance  
37 with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs  
38 Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.

39  
40 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to and  
41 used actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the ISPPU, shall be  
42 exempt from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from  
43 the gross income of the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the

1 donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of  
2 1997, as amended.

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4 **SEC. 20. *Establishment of Research Centers.*** – In order to effectively carry out  
5 its mandate, there are hereby established the following research facilities;

- 6 a. Fisheries, and Aquamarine Resources Research Center - shall primarily focus on  
7 the creation of knowledge and technologies that will contribute to the  
8 responsible use as well as the protection of the aquamarine resources;
- 9 b. Forest Advancement and Resources Management Research Center - shall focus  
10 on the protection and preservation, as well as the creation of research-based  
11 policies for the preservation) of local, flora and other forest resources;
- 12 c. ISPPU Center for Rural Health Research, Reform and Policy - shall primarily focus  
13 on the creation of knowledge, policies, innovation, and technologies that will  
14 redound to the health benefits of the local, national, and global communities;
- 15 d. Animal Research Center - shall focus on the generation of knowledge and  
16 technologies that will promote an effective generation and management of  
17 veterinary resources;
- 18 e. Tobacco and Agricultural Research Center - center shall primarily focus on the  
19 generation of knowledge and adoption of technologies that shall enhance the  
20 tobacco industry, and the agriculture industry as a whole, that will redound to  
21 the benefit of the tobacco growers and the farmers in general;
- 22 f. Indigenous Peoples Education Research Center - shall focus on the preservation  
23 and protection of indigenous peoples and communities by undertaking studies  
24 and activities towards this end; and
- 25 g. Public Administration and Governance Policy Research Center - shall primarily  
26 focus on the generation of knowledge and the creation of policies to improve  
27 the public service sector of the society.

28 Whenever necessary, the University shall create consortia to promote a wider  
29 scope of operation and ensure a bigger community of beneficiaries of the research  
30 center herein created.

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32 **SEC. 21. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.*** – The provisions of this Act  
33 notwithstanding, the conversion of the ISPSC to a state university shall become  
34 effective only upon the determination and' declaration by the CHED; based on the  
35 recommendation of a panel of experts constituted for the purpose, that the institution  
36 has complied with the requirements for a university status based on CHED  
37 Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012 (Policy-Standard to Enhance Quality  
38 Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education Through an Outcomes-Based and  
39 Typology-based QA) Provided, That the panel may issue such recommendation when  
40 the ISPSC has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university  
41 status.

42 The following operational requirements for a university, as established by the  
43 CHED, shall be complied with:

1 a. Employment of full-time, permanent faculty members who possess relevant  
2 degrees in their areas of specialization, as required by the CHED, and shall have  
3 participated in research and development activities in their respective disciplines, as  
4 evidenced by refereed publications and other scholarly outputs;

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6 b. Offering of a comprehensive range of degree programs in all levels, from  
7 basic post-secondary to doctoral programs;

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9 c. Conduct of viable research programs in specific disciplinary and multidisciplinary  
10 areas of study that produce new knowledge, as evidenced by refereed publications,  
11 citations, inventions, and patents, among others;

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13 d. Establishment and maintenance of comprehensive learning resources and  
14 support structures, to include libraries, practicum laboratories, relevant educational  
15 resources, and linkages with relevant disciplinary and professional sectors, so as to allow  
16 students to explore basic, advance, and even cutting-edge knowledge in a wide range  
17 of disciplines or professions;

18 e. Maintenance of linkages and affiliation with other research institutions in  
19 various parts of the world to ensure that the research activities of the ISPPU are  
20 functioning at current global standards; and regional office, shall regularly provide  
21 technical assistance to the ISPPU and monitor its compliance with the requirements of the  
22 Commission.

23  
24 The ISPPSC shall retain its status as a state college prior to the effectivity of this  
25 Act until it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein.

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27 **SEC. 22.** *Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational,*  
28 *Administrative and Academic Structure.* – Within a period of one hundred twenty (120)  
29 days after the approval of this Act, the ISPPU shall accomplish the following:

30 a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its program and budget to  
31 the CHED for recommendation to the DBM;

32 b. Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including  
33 the appointment of key officials of the ISPPU; and

34 c. Undergo a management audit in coordination with the CHED.

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36 **SEC. 23.** *Filing of Report.* – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second  
37 (2nd) month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file with  
38 the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the CHED,  
39 and with both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the progress, conditions, and  
40 needs of the ISPPU.

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42 **SEC. 24.** *Suppletory Application.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,  
43 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part  
44 of this Act and serve as part of the governing charter of the ISPPU.

1           **SEC. 25. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities,  
2 and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the  
3 ISPPU and its officials, whenever appropriate.  
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5           **SEC. 26. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of  
6 this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the ISPSC and the  
7 NLPSC. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and  
8 maintenance of the ISPPU shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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10           **SEC. 27. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from  
11 the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the  
12 rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.  
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14           **SEC. 28. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this  
15 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected  
16 shall remain in full force and effect.  
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18           **SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,  
19 and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
20 repealed or modified accordingly.  
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22           **SEC. 30. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
23 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*