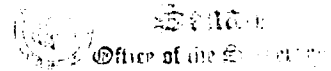


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 115**

Submitted by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance on AUG 29 2023.

Re: House Bill No. 7398

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 7398 with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Francis G. Escudero

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance to which were referred **House Bill No. 7398**, introduced by Representatives Suarez, Villaraza-Suarez, Go (M.), Mariano-Hernandez, Salceda, *et al.*, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 7398 be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 17, delete the phrase "Implementation of Programs and Projects" and insert the word, to serve as title of Section 3, **"GOVERNANCE"**;
2. On the same page, lines 17 to 18, delete the phrase "The DVM program shall be implemented by the Board of Trustees in accordance with" and insert the phrase **"THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGE SHALL BE VESTED IN THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SLSU (THE BOARD), WHOSE POWERS ARE DEFINED UNDER"**;
3. On the same page, line 24, delete the phrase "Moreover, all other" and insert **"THE DVM PROGRAM, AND ALL"**;
4. On page 2, lines 1 to 8, delete the entire section 4 and replace with the following:

**"SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS. — THE SLSU, PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE OFFERING OF NEW AND REVISED COURSES AND PROGRAMS RELATED THERETO, SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES OF THE CHED."**

5. On the same page, line 10, insert a new Sections 5 to read as follows:

**"SEC. 5. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AND ADMISSION. — THE COLLEGE SHALL PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS TO ASSIST POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE. STUDENTS AVAILING THEMSELVES OF**

**NATIONALLY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO COMPLETE THE DVM PROGRAM UNDER THE COLLEGE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO RENDER A RETURN SERVICE AS PROVIDED FOR BY APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, OR THE CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE STUDENT AND THE COLLEGE.**

**"NO STUDENT SHALL BE DENIED ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE BY REASON OF SEX, GENDER, RELIGION, CULTURAL OR COMMUNITY AFFILIATION, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.**

6. Finally, renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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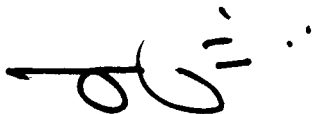
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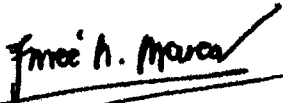
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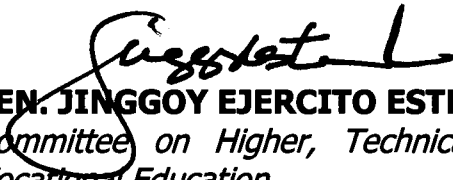
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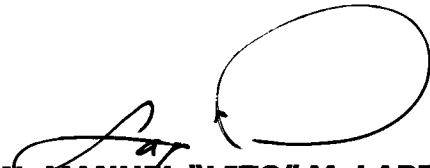
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ROBES, CALDERON, CABREDO, ROMULO, CARI AND CO (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 380

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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.

Approved,