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S. No. **3304**

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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The University of the Philippines Mindanao (U.P. Mindanao), the 6<sup>th</sup> constituent University of the Philippines System (U.P. System), was created by Congress through the enactment of Republic Act 7889 on February 20, 1995 in response to the clamor of Mindanaons to have access to U.P. education. It was mandated to put emphasis on *science, technology and agriculture* with the view of encouraging graduates to serve in Mindanao. Through the years, U.P. Mindanao has done its share in the development of the human capital of Mindanao. Many of its 1,158 graduates now occupy responsible positions in educational institutions, business organizations and government units in Mindanao.

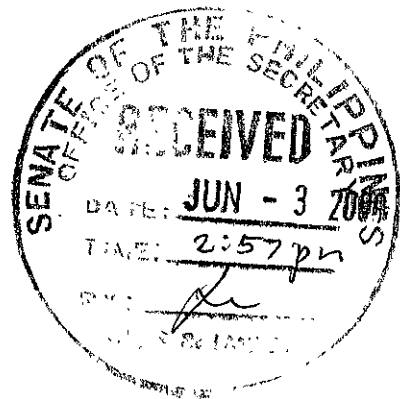
The developmental role of an educational institution such as U.P. Mindanao for the continuing march to progress of the Mindanaons cannot be overemphasized. Mindanao needs the quality of education that can be delivered only by the University of the Philippines, whose stature as a National University of global renown, can be expected to give students from Mindanao topnotch mentoring by competent educators at rates that are affordable by the meager income of a Mindanaon.

Likewise, new fields of learning and expanding demands to be relevant and competitive implores on us to provide these needed support. The provision of these resources is vital in strengthening the capacity of UP Mindanao to support scholarly research and extension services to various sectors that depend on the intellectual rigor of the faculty and students of UP Mindanao.

Therefore, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT  
PROVIDING A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MINDANAO

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

**SEC. 1. Title.** - This act shall be known as "Special Development Fund for U.P. Mindanao."

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared a policy of the State to accelerate the socio-economic growth and development of Mindanao, by supporting the University of the Philippines Mindanao, a Mindanao based campus of the national university, with the resources it needs to effectively perform its developmental function. Towards this end, an effective institutional mechanism shall be established to address the need for continuing government support to the University of the Philippines Mindanao in addition to what was given to the University of the Philippines System.

**SEC. 3. Coverage.** – For the initial phase, this Act shall cover the period of CY 2009-2012. The amount of budget which shall be scheduled for release every first month of the calendar year are as follows, to wit:

- a. Year 1: CY 2009 P350,000,000.00
- b. Year 2: CY 2010 P300,000,000.00
- c. Year 3: CY 2011 P355,000,000.00
- d. Year 4: CY 2012 P250,000,000.00

Total P1,255,000,000.00

1           Henceforth, at every 4-year cycle, U.P. Mindanao shall submit on the last year of  
2 each cycle a new request for appropriations.

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4           **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to finance the initial  
5 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations.  
6 Thereafter, the succeeding releases of the fund shall be automatic without need of a  
7 new request for appropriations. To ensure continued implementation, this supplemental  
8 budget for the development plans of the U.P. Mindanao shall be included automatically  
9 in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

10           Furthermore, this supplemental budget appropriated by this Act is separate from  
11 and in addition to the appropriation and internal operating budget that will be earmarked  
12 for U.P. Mindanao as a constituent campus of the University of the Philippines System,  
13 as allotted in the budget of the U.P. System by the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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15           **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and  
16 regulations or parts thereof with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby  
17 repealed or modified accordingly

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19           **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** - If any part or provision of this Act is held  
20 unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof, which are not affected, shall  
21 continue to remain in full force and effect.

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23           **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect immediately fifteen (15) days  
24 following completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
25 circulation.

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27           Approved,