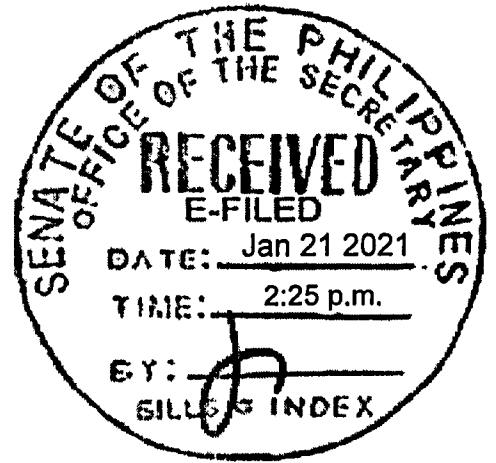


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SENATE
S.B. No. **2008**

Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that, *"The State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."*

Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) is the premier, state-funded higher education institution in Quezon Province in the Philippines operating by virtue of Republic Act 9395 or the SLSU Charter. It is composed of 11 campuses in the province of Quezon, with the main campus situated in the Municipality of Lucban.

SLSU is mandated to primarily provide advanced education, professional, technological instruction in the fields of allied medicine, education, engineering, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environment, arts and sciences, accountancy, cooperative, business and entrepreneurship, technology and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

As of now, SLSU has a College of Allied Medicine and is offering Bachelor of Nursing, Diploma/ Certificate in Midwifery, Master of Arts in Medical Surgical Nursing and Master of Arts in Psychiatric Nursing.

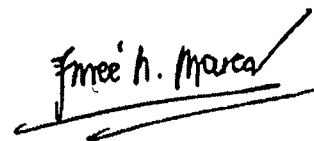
The onslaught of the pandemic showed the loopholes of the medical sector in our country including the shortage of doctors. According to CIA World Factbook, as of 27 November 2020, the physicians' density in the country is only 0.6 physicians/1,000 population. The World Health Organization estimates that fewer than 2.3 health

workers (physicians, nurses, and midwives only) per 1,000 would be insufficient to achieve coverage of primary healthcare needs.

Hence, in view of the aforementioned reasons and the need to strengthen the implementation of the Universal Healthcare for all Filipinos, there is an obvious need to increase the number of doctors in the country.

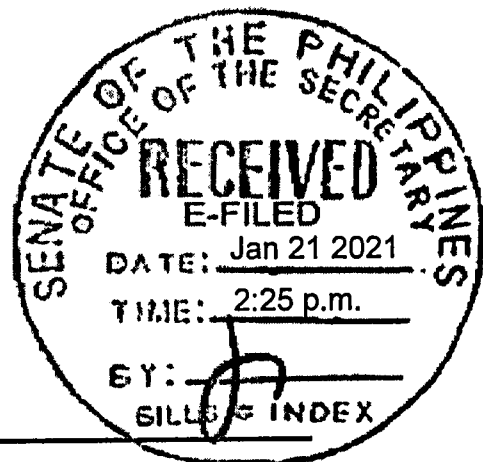
This bill seeks to bolster the preparation for possible future pandemics and calamities by providing quality and accessible medical education to all Filipinos through the establishment of a medical school in the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Main Campus in Lucban, Quezon.

In view of the foregoing, approval 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. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "*Southern Luzon State*
2 *University (SLSU) College of Medicine Act*".

3 **SEC. 2. Establishment.** – There is hereby established a medical school in the
4 Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Main Campus in the Municipality of Lucban,
5 Province of Quezon to be known as the Southern Luzon State University — College of
6 Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the "College".

7 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The College shall primarily offer a Doctor Medicine
8 Program which shall be at least a four (4)-year baccalaureate program consisting of
9 basic science and clinical course. Its primarily goal shall be the development of
10 professional physicians for the Philippine healthcare system.

11 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** – The Governing Board, as provided under Section 5
12 of Republic Act No. 9395, is hereby mandated to be the lead agency in the
13 implementation of this Act.

14 **SEC. 5. Compliance with CHED Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act
15 notwithstanding, the establishment of the College shall become effective only upon
16 the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a
17 panel of experts it shall constitute for the purpose, that the institution has complied
18 with the policies, standards and guidelines on CHED Memorandum Order No. 18,
19 Series of 2016 for the Doctor of Medicine Program. *Provided,* That the panel may issue
20 such recommendation when the institution has substantially complied with the
21 requirements for the program.

1 **SEC. 6. Tax Exemption.** – The importation of scientific and technical books or
2 publications, which are for scientific and technical purposes of the College, upon
3 certification by the CHED, shall be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the
4 provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization
5 and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.

6 All grants, bequests, endowment, donations, and contributions made to the
7 College shall be used actually, directly and exclusively by the College shall be exempt
8 from donor’s tax and the same shall be allowed deductions from the gross income of
9 the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance
10 with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

11 **SEC. 7. Annual Report.** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second
12 month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the Governing Board shall
13 file with the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the
14 CHED, and with both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the progress, condition
15 and needs of the College.

16 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
17 this Act shall be included in the general Appropriations Act.

18 **SEC. 9. Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
19 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall be an
20 integral part of this Act and shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the College.

21 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or
22 provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or
23 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
24 effect.

25 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** – All provisions of existing laws, orders, rules and
26 regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of
27 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

28 **SEC. 12. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect effect fifteen (15) days
29 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in
30 the Philippines.

Approved,