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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AND ALL ITS CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE NORTH LUZON PHILIPPINES STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ~~[ILOCOS SUR PHILIPPINES POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY]~~ UNIVERSITY OF ILOCOS PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 of Ilocos  
4 Sur, as well as other campuses that will be created prior to the effectivity of this Act, is hereby  
5 converted into a state university, and integrating therewith the North Luzon Philippines State  
6 College (NLPSC) located in the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos Sur, to be known as the  
7 ~~[Ilocos Sur Philippines Polytechnic University (ISPPU)]~~ UNIVERSITY OF ILOCOS  
8 PHILIPPINES (UIP). Its main campus shall be located in the ~~[Municipality of Sta. Maria]~~ CITY  
9 OF CANDON, Province of Ilocos Sur.

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

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17           **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** – The ~~[ISPPU]~~ UIP shall primarily provide advance  
18 education, higher professional and technological instruction, technical and vocational education  
19 and training in humanities, engineering, science and technology, agriculture, business and

1 entrepreneurship, and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research and  
2 extension services and production activities in support of the socio-economic development of the  
3 Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.  
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5 **SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings.** – The [ISPPU] UIP shall offer short-term technical  
6 vocational, undergraduate, graduate courses, and post-graduate programs, within its competency  
7 and areas of specialization in the fields of agriculture, education, business administration, culture  
8 and arts, technology, engineering, architecture, health sciences, criminal justice education, and  
9 other degree courses, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem  
10 necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to meet the human  
11 resource development needs of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.  
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13 The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior high school shall continue to operate  
14 under the supervision of the College of Education of the [ISPPU] UIP to serve the in-campus  
15 requirements of its students.  
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17 The existing and any other future technical-vocational courses or programs under the  
18 supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall  
19 continue to be offered in the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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21 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The [ISPPU] UIP 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”~~] REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11232, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
24 AS THE “REVISED CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”. The exercise of its  
25 corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board and the President of the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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27 **SEC. 5. The Governing Board.** – The governing body of the [ISPPU] UIP shall be  
28 the Board, which shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chairperson of the CHED and the  
29 President of the [ISPPU] UIP, respectively, and with the following, as members:  
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- 31 a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education of  
32 the Senate;
- 33 b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House  
34 of Representatives;
- 35 c. Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority;
- 36 d. Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology;
- 37 e. Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture;
- 38 f. Regional Director of the TESDA;
- 39 g. President of the federation of faculty associations of the [ISPPU] UIP;
- 40 h. President of the federation of student councils of the [ISPPU] UIP;
- 41 i. President of the federation of alumni associations of the [ISPPU] UIP; and
- 42 j. Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished  
43 themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.  
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45 The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a list of  
46 at least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Ilocos Sur as recommended by a search

1 committee constituted by the President of the [ISPPU] UIP, in consultation with the Chairperson  
2 of the CHED and other members of the Board, based on the standards and qualifications for the  
3 position set by the Board. They shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of  
4 appointment.

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

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11 **SEC. 6. Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.** – In addition to its general  
12 powers of administration and the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under  
13 existing laws, the Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

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15 a. Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies  
16 on education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, agriculture,  
17 science and technology, and the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act  
18 No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994";

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20 b. Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline  
21 drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein provided;

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23 c. Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP, the vice  
24 presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and other officials and  
25 employees of the [ISPPU] UIP;

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27 d. Fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, administrative officials and  
28 employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification  
29 System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws governing hours of service, and such  
30 other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; grant them, at its discretion, leaves of  
31 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the  
32 contrary notwithstanding; and remove them for cause in accordance with the requirements of due  
33 process of law;

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35 e. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees,  
36 graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due  
37 consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including government subsidies  
38 and other income generated by the [ISPPU] UIP, shall constitute its special trust funds, and shall  
39 be deposited in any authorized government depository bank. All interests that shall accrue  
40 therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the [ISPPU] UIP.

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42 Any provision of existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, any  
43 income generated by the [ISPPU] UIP from tuition fees and other charges, as well as from the  
44 operation of auxiliary services and land grants, shall be retained by the [ISPPU] UIP and may be  
45 disbursed by the Board for instruction, research, extension services or other programs and  
46 projects of the [ISPPU] UIP: *Provided*, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific

1 purposes for which these are collected: *Provided, however,* That if, for reasons beyond its  
2 control, the [ISPPU] UIP shall not be able to pursue any project for which the funds have been  
3 appropriated and allocated under its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize  
4 the use of said funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary and  
5 urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the [ISPPU] UIP;  
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7 f. Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for  
8 greater access of poor but deserving students in accordance with Republic Act No. 10931 or the  
9 “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”;

10 g. Establish professorial chairs in the [ISPPU] UIP and provide fellowships for  
11 qualified faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;  
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13 h. Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of the  
14 [ISPPU] UIP, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out  
15 the purposes and functions of the [ISPPU] UIP;  
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17 i. Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;  
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19 j. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding  
20 contribution in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, agriculture or  
21 any field of specialization within the academic competency of the [ISPPU] UIP, and authorize  
22 the awarding of certificates of completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;  
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24 k. Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the  
25 [ISPPU] UIP;  
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27 l. Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with  
28 appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint  
29 experts or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or  
30 researchers, as the case may be;  
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32 m. Adopt modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge for the promotion  
33 of greater access to education such as the use of information technology, dual training system,  
34 open distance learning, and community laboratory;  
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36 n. Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges  
37 within the province of Ilocos Sur and Region 1, under the supervision of the CHED and in  
38 consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in restructuring the  
39 [IPSSU] UIP to make it more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive;  
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41 o. Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the province of Ilocos Sur and  
42 Region 1 as branches, extension or external centers, in coordination with the CHED and in  
43 consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the constitutional  
44 mandate of providing equal access to educational opportunities;  
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1 p. Authorize an external management audit of the [ISPPU] UIP, to be financed by  
2 the CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and institute  
3 reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and  
4 recommendations;

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6 q. Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government  
7 units (LGUs), as well as public, private, local or foreign institutions and agencies, in the  
8 furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the [ISPPU] UIP;

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10 r. Import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;

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12 s. Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable  
13 development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used for the  
14 development and strengthening of the [ISPPU] UIP;

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16 t. Receive, in trust, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of  
17 all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the [ISPPU]  
18 UIP and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any;

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20 u. Extend the term of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP beyond the age of retirement,  
21 but not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications and standards set  
22 by the Board: *Provided*, That the President's performance has been rated by the Board as  
23 outstanding and a unanimous recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the  
24 search committee;

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26 v. Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other officials  
27 of the [ISPPU] UIP, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the  
28 affairs of the [ISPPU] UIP;

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30 w. Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent  
31 decision-making within the [ISPPU] UIP;

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33 x. Where most advantageous to the [ISPPU] UIP, privatize the management of  
34 nonacademic services such as health, food, building, grounds or property maintenance, and such  
35 other similar activities;

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37 y. Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and  
38 other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary  
39 supplies, materials and equipment; and

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41 z. Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes  
42 and functions of the [ISPPU] UIP.

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44 **SEC. 7. *Meetings of the Board.*** – The Board shall regularly convene once every  
45 three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting whenever  
46 necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the

1 conduct of said meeting.

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3 A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office at the  
4 time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* That the Chairperson of the Board or the President of  
5 the [ISPPU] UIP is among those present in the meeting.

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7 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a CHED  
8 Commissioner duly designated by the Chairperson of the CHED as representative to the meeting,  
9 shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided,* That during the  
10 meeting, the President of the [ISPPU] UIP, as Vice Chairperson, shall be the presiding officer:  
11 *Provided, further,* That this provision notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby  
12 authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in  
13 which case, the said CHED Commissioner shall act as the presiding officer.

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15 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational  
16 Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education shall not be able to  
17 attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective representatives to attend the  
18 meeting, who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members of the Board.

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20 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to  
21 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance to the  
22 meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolutions of  
23 the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

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25 **SEC. 8. *The University President.*** – The [ISPPU] UIP shall be headed by a President  
26 who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards,  
27 and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of  
28 selecting the President.

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

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35 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent  
36 President of the [ISPPU] UIP, the Board shall constitute the search committee for the Presidency.

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38 The powers and duties of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP, in addition to those  
39 specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President  
40 of similar universities and those delegated by the Board.

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42 The salary of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP shall be in accordance with Republic Act  
43 No. 11466 or the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and by such other laws amendatory  
44 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the  
45 presidents of similar educational institutions.

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1 The Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge of the [ISPPU] UIP in case of a vacancy  
2 in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for  
3 cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the office, pending the  
4 appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the  
5 unexpired portion of the term.  
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7 The President of the [ISPPU] UIP shall be assisted by a Vice President for Academic  
8 Affairs, a Vice President for Administration, and a Vice President for Research and  
9 Development, Extension, Services and Training, who shall all be appointed by the Board upon  
10 the recommendation of the President.  
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12 **SEC. 9. *The Secretary of the University.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who  
13 shall serve as such for both the Board and the [ISPPU] UIP and shall keep all records and  
14 proceedings of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of the [ISPPU] UIP shall serve upon each  
15 member of the Board the appropriate notice of board meetings.  
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17 **SEC. 10. *The Treasurer of the University.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be  
18 the *ex officio* Treasurer of the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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20 **SEC. 11. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative Council  
21 consisting of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP as chairperson, and the vice presidents, deans,  
22 directors and other officials of equal rank as members, that shall review and recommend to the  
23 Board the policies that shall govern the administration, management and development planning  
24 of the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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26 **SEC. 12. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council, which shall  
27 formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP, who shall  
28 act as chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant professor, as  
29 members.  
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31 The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the curricular  
32 offerings and rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the  
33 requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation and conferment of  
34 degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the President of the [ISPPU]  
35 UIP. It shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of the [ISPPU] UIP and shall  
36 formulate rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.  
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38 **SEC. 13. *Heads of University Campuses.*** - The Campus Directors shall respectively  
39 serve as heads or administrators of the [ISPPU's] UIP's campuses and render full-time service.  
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41 They shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon recommendation of the search  
42 committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the  
43 Board: *Provided*, That, upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the  
44 existing campuses of the ISPPU shall continue to serve as such.  
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1           **SEC. 14. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, gender preference, cultural or  
2 community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of  
3 inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the [ISPPU] UIP: *Provided*, That said  
4 appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board:  
5 *Provided, further*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church  
6 or religious sect.  
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8           **SEC. 15. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The [ISPPU] UIP shall  
9 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article  
10 XIV of the Constitution.  
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12           **SEC. 16. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The [ISPPU] UIP shall provide  
13 scholarship and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who  
14 qualify for admission to the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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16           No student shall be denied admission to the [ISPPU] UIP by reason of gender, religion,  
17 cultural or community affiliation, physical disability or ethnic origin.  
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19           **SEC. 17. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies and Detail of***  
20 ***Personnel.*** – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government are hereby  
21 authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the President of the [ISPPU] UIP, such  
22 apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the [ISPPU] UIP, and detail employees  
23 for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, such apparatus,  
24 equipment, supplies or service of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to  
25 public service.  
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27           The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the President  
28 of the [ISPPU] UIP and the time thus served shall be counted as part of their regular service.  
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30           **SEC. 18. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.*** – All assets, real and personal, personnel,  
31 and records of the ISPSC and the NLPSC, as well as their liabilities or obligations, are hereby  
32 transferred to the [ISPPU] UIP: *Provided*, That the positions, rights and security of tenure of  
33 faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into  
34 a university shall be respected: *Provided, further*, That the incumbents occupying the positions  
35 shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided for by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That  
36 the [ISPPU] UIP shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as  
37 may be deemed appropriate by the Board.  
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39           All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the ISPSC and the NLPSC  
40 and all its campuses are hereby declared property of the [ISPPU] UIP, and shall be titled under  
41 its name: *Provided*, That should the [ISPPU] UIP cease to exist or be abolished or should such  
42 aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the [ISPPU] UIP, the same shall revert to  
43 the concerned LGU or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.  
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45           **SEC. 19. *Tax Exemption on Importation and Donations.*** - The importation by the  
46 [ISPPU] UIP of economic, technical and cultural books or publications, which are for economic,



1 technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical or cultural purposes shall, upon  
2 certification by the CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of  
3 Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act  
4 (CMTA)”.

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6 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to and used actually,  
7 directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the [ISPPU] UIP, shall be exempt from  
8 donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from the gross income of  
9 the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor, in accordance with the  
10 provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

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12 **SEC. 20. *Establishment of Research Centers.*** In order to effectively carry out its  
13 mandate, there are hereby established the following research facilities:

- 14  
15 a. *Fisheries and Aquamarine Resources Research Center* - shall primarily focus on the  
16 creation of knowledge and technologies that will contribute to the responsible use as well  
17 as the protection of the aquamarine resources;  
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19 b. *Forest Advancement and Resources Management Research Center* - shall focus on the  
20 protection and preservation, as well as the creation of research-based policies for the  
21 preservation, of local flora and other forest resources;  
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23 c. *[ISPPU] UIP Center for Rural Health Research, Reform and Policy* - shall primarily  
24 focus on the creation of knowledge, policies, innovation, and technologies that will  
25 redound to the health benefits of the local, national, and global communities;  
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27 d. *Animal Research Center* - shall focus on the generation of knowledge and technologies  
28 that will promote an effective generation and management of veterinary resources;  
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30 e. *Tobacco and Agricultural Research Center* - ~~center~~ shall primarily focus on the  
31 generation of knowledge and adoption of technologies that shall enhance the tobacco  
32 industry, and the agriculture industry as a whole, that will redound to the benefit of the  
33 tobacco growers and the farmers in general;  
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35 f. *Indigenous Peoples Education Research Center* - shall focus on the preservation and  
36 protection of indigenous peoples and communities by undertaking studies and activities  
37 towards this end; and  
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39 g. *Public Administration and Governance Policy Research Center* - shall primarily focus on  
40 the generation of knowledge and the creation of policies to improve the public service  
41 sector of the society.  
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43 Whenever necessary, the University shall create consortia to promote a wider scope of  
44 operation and ensure a bigger community of beneficiaries of the research center herein created.  
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1           **SEC. 21. Compliance with CHED Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act  
2 notwithstanding, the conversion of the ISPSC to a state university shall become effective only  
3 upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel  
4 of experts constituted for the purpose, that the institution has complied with the requirements for  
5 a university status based on CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012 (Policy-Standard  
6 to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education Through an Outcomes-  
7 Based and Typology-Based QA): *Provided*, That the panel may issue such recommendation  
8 when the ISPSC has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university  
9 status.

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

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

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

18           c. Conduct of viable research programs in specific disciplinal and multidisciplinary  
19 areas of study that produce new knowledge, as evidenced by refereed publications, citations,  
20 inventions, and patents, among others;

21           d. Establishment and maintenance of comprehensive learning resources and support  
22 structures, to include libraries, practicum laboratories, relevant educational resources, and  
23 linkages with relevant disciplinal and professional sectors, so as to allow students to explore  
24 basic, advance, and even cutting-edge knowledge in a wide range of disciplines or professions;

25           e. Maintenance of linkages and affiliation with other research institutions in various  
26 parts of the world to ensure that the research activities of the [ISPPU] UIP are functioning at  
27 current global standards; and regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the  
28 [ISPPU] UIP and monitor its compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

29           The ISPSC shall retain its status as a state college prior to the effectivity of this Act until  
30 it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein.

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

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

36           b. Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including the  
37 appointment of key officials of the [ISPPU] UIP; and  
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2 c. Undergo a management audit in coordination with the CHED.  
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4 **SEC. 23. *Filing of Report.*** – On or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
5 month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the Office of the  
6 President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of  
7 Congress, a detailed report on the progress, conditions, and needs of the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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9 **SEC. 24. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise  
10 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act and  
11 serve as part of the governing charter of the [ISPPU] UIP.  
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13 **SEC. 25. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and  
14 limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the [ISPPU] UIP and  
15 its officials, whenever appropriate.  
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17 **SEC. 26. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
18 shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the ISPSC and the NLPSC.  
19 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the  
20 [ISPPU] UIP shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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22 **SEC. 27. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the  
23 effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the rules and  
24 regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.  
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26 **SEC. 28. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is  
27 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain  
28 in full force and effect.  
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30 **SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules  
31 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or  
32 modified accordingly.  
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34 **SEC. 30. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
35 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*