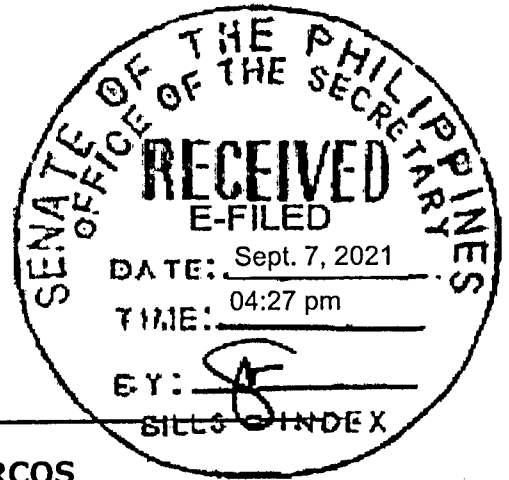


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(PSU), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7818, AND
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.*"

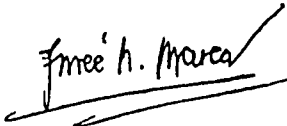
The Palawan State University (PSU) is an internationally recognized university that provides relevant and innovative education and research for lifelong learning and sustainable development.

PSU was founded on 19 June 1965 through Republic Act 4303 and has started operating since 02 March 1972 as Palawan Teacher's College (PTC). In 1984, PTC was recognized as Palawan State College by virtue of Batas Pambansa 797 which authorized the school to offer other undergraduate degrees in the Arts, Sciences and Technology. On 12 November 1994, through Republic Act 7818 PTC was converted into a state university.

As of today, PSU has 19 campuses all-over the province and the main campus is situated in Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City. A number of extramural studies and programs are being offered in the Palawan State University's College of Community Resources and Development (CCRD) in rural campuses of Rizal, Narra, Quezon, Araceli, Brooke's Point, San Vicente, Cuyo, Coron, Balabac, Roxas, Taytay, El Nido, Linapacan, San Rafael, Sofronio Española, Dumaran and Bataraza.

This bill seeks to integrate the Palawan State University – College of Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) external campuses in the province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa as regular campuses of Palawan State University (PSU) to enable the university to fulfill its commitment to upgrade the quality of life of the people by providing higher education opportunities through excellent instruction, research, extension, production services and transnational collaboration and innovations.

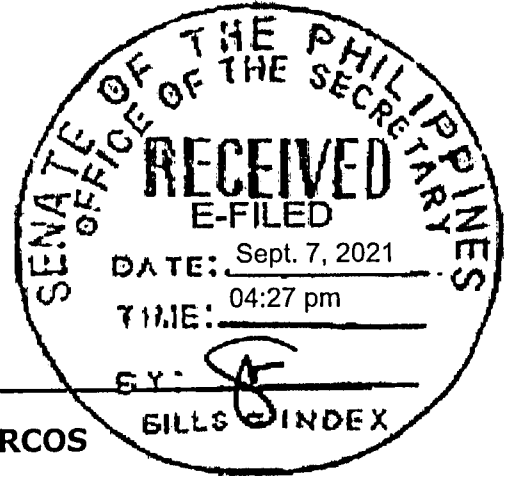
In view of the foregoing, the expeditious passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Palawan State University - College*
2 *of Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses Act*".

3 **SEC. 2.** The Palawan State University - College of Community Resources
4 Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the
5 City of Puerto Princesa, namely, PSU-Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-Brooke's Point, PSU-
6 Roxas, PSU-Taytay, and PSU-Coron Campuses, shall be integrated as regular
7 campuses of the Palawan State University (PSU), hereinafter referred to as the
8 University.

9 The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of
10 Puerto Princesa, Namely, PSU-Espanola, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Bataraza, PSU-Balabac, PSU-
11 Dumarán, PSU-San Vicente, PSU-Linapacan, and other branches shall be integrated
12 as regular campuses of the University.

13 The PSU Main Campus, The PSU-Cuyo Campus (formerly Palawan College of Arts
14 and Trade) in the Municipality of Cuyo, Palawan, which was integrated into the main
15 campus, and the regular campuses and technology branches of PSU established under
16 this Act shall be collectively referred to as the University

17 **SEC. 3.** The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the
18 City of Puerto Princesa shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational courses,
19 undergraduate, and graduate programs within its competency and areas of
20 specialization pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board

1 of Regents, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond
2 to the human resource development needs of the Province of Palawan and the
3 Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan (MIMAROPA) Region.

4 The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of
5 Puerto Princesa are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and
6 to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

7 **SEC. 4.** The governance of the Campuses shall be vested exclusively in the Board
8 of Regents of the PSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

9 **SEC. 5.** The University President shall exercise overall supervision and
10 management of the campuses. The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of
11 Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa shall each be headed by Campus
12 Administrator who shall render full-time service and be appointed or designated by
13 the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President,
14 subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board; *Provided,*
15 That, upon the effectivity Of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the existing
16 campuses of the PSU shall continue to serve as such.

17 **SEC. 6.** All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PSU-CCRD
18 External Campuses located in the Municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke's Point,
19 Roxas, Taytay, Coron, Espanola, Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumarán, San Vicente,
20 Linapacan, and Cuyo, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the
21 University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and
22 personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their conversion into regular
23 campuses shall be respected. *Provided,* That the incumbents occupy the positions
24 shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided by the Board: *Provided,*
25 further, That the University shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human
26 resource component as may be deemed appropriate by the governing Board.

27 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PSU-CCRD
28 External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa are
29 hereby transferred to the University, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided,* That
30 should the campuses or the University cease to exist or be abolished, or should such
31 aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall
32 revert to the local government units concerned.

33 **SEC. 7.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
34 included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

35 The municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke's Point, Roxas, Taytay, Coron,
36 Espanola, Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumarán, San Vicente, Linapacan, and Cuyo shall
37 provide the same financial support to the respective extension campuses until such
38 time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the
39 campuses shall be included in the annual GAA.

1 **SEC. 8.** The provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 8292, otherwise known as the
2 "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", and RA Nos. 9832 and 11169 shall form
3 an integral part of this Act, and shall serve as part of the governing charter of the
4 University.

5 **SEC. 9.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain
7 in full force and effect.

8 **SEC. 10.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
9 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with die provisions of this Act are repealed or
10 modified accordingly.

11 **SEC. 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
12 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,