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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10600 was legislated on June 4, 2013 establishing the Surigao del Norte State University (SNSU) in the Province of Surigao del Norte by integrating the three colleges in the province namely, the Surigao State College of Technology in Surigao City, the Siargao National College of Science and Technology in the Municipality of del Carmen, Siargao Island and the Surigao del Norte College of Agriculture and Technology in the Municipality of Mainit.

However, the said enactment was provisional as Section 25 of the law states that the establishment of the SNSU shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) that the institution has complied with the requirements for university status. Further, the state college was given only until January 1, 2016 to comply with the operational requirements.

Within the two-year period given to the school, after the enactment of the said law, the three colleges to be integrated into SNSU invested significant time and resources just to meet the requirements and conditions of Section 25. According to the report submitted to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on the status of conversion, the colleges to be integrated into SNSU were able to comply with most of the requirements except for two (i.e. (a) ratio of qualified full-time faculty with requisite degrees to number of students and (b) adequate library and laboratories) that are still in the process of being completed.

This bill seeks to amend RA 10600 by extending the deadline for compliance to January 1, 2021. This will give ample time to the said colleges to substantially comply with the CHED requirements so as not

to waste the time and resources invested in it. A university that integrates the three colleges found in the city (main campus), mainland (Mainit Campus) and island municipality (Siargao Campus) is expected to address the need for quality college education in the province.

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

  
**FRANCISCO JOSE F. MATUGAS II**



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Quezon City, Metro Manila

## Seventeenth Congress First Regular Session

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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10600 ENTITLED, "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" THEREBY EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION TO JANUARY 1, 2021.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 25 of Republic Act. No. 10600 is hereby amended to  
2 read as follows:

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4                    "*Section 25. Compliance with CHED Requirements. – xxx*

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10                    "*The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this*  
11 *Act, unless in the meantime it is able to comply with the requirements*  
12 *provided herein, within a period not [exceeding] **LATER THAN** January*  
13 *1, [2016] **2021***

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15           **SECTION 2.** All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and  
16 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
17 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,