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Introduced by Honorable **GERALD ANTHONY V. GULLAS, JR.**

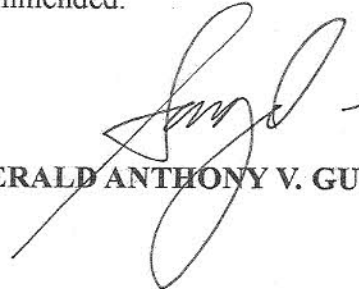
EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the mandate of the State to give higher premium to education. Thus, on the 4th of June 2013, Republic Act No. 10594 establishing a state college in the City of Talisay, Cebu was enacted.

The title of the aforementioned law is "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR". The true intention of the law is to convert the Talisay City College, an existing local college, into a State College in order, to give the true essence of the law and avoid any confusion as to whether RA No. 10594 is an establishment or a conversion law, this bill seeks to clarify, by way of amendment, that RA No. 10594 is a conversion law.

In addition, Section 24 of RA NO. 10594 provides for the compliance with the Commission On Higher Education (CHED) requirements. However, the CHED requirements as detailed in Sec. 24 apply only to the establishment of a state university or conversion of a state college to a state university. This is clarified in a June 20, 2013 press statement by Chairperson Patricia B. Licuanan, Ph.D. of the Commission on Higher Education.

This bill seeks to clarify confusion, settle all uncertainties and avoid controversies that may arise in the conversion of the Talisay City College to Talisay City State College. Thus immediate passage of this bill highly recommended.


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AN ACT
INTEGRATING THE TALISAY CITY COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10594, ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10594 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. Establishment. – There is hereby established a state college in the City of Talisay, Province of Cebu to be known as the Talisay City State College, hereinafter referred to as the College, AND INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE EXISTING TALISAY CITY COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU. ITS MAIN CAMPUS SHALL BE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU.”

SECTION 2. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 10594 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24. Compliance with CHED Requirements . –

“x x x .

“The following are the operational requirements for a college:

(a) [Level III accreditation or equivalent under CHED policies for at least four (4) of its undergraduate programs; one (1) in liberal arts and one (1) in the sciences, and two (2) of its graduate programs;] APPROPRIATE OR EQUIVALENT ACCREDIATTION UNDER CHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR COLLEGES;

“x x x .

“The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this Act, unless in the meantime it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein, within a period not exceeding January 1, [2016] **2019.**”

SECTION 3. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,