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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Camarines Sur Institute of Fisheries and Marine Sciences (CASIFMAS) – Ragay Campus located in the Municipality of Ragay, Province of Camarines Sur from its main campus and convert the same into Ragay Technical Vocational Institute for Continuing Education (RTVICE).

It is the government's aim to develop world-class Filipino workforce by investing in vocational and technical education with the end-view that our human resource will be fully harnessed. Through the separation and conversion of CASIFMAS-Ragay into RTVICE, it is hoped that more disadvantaged and underserved students and youth in the First District of Camarines Sur will be benefited.

With its own charter, the RTVICE will be granted the freedom to develop its academic curriculum. By giving RTVICE fiscal autonomy, it will also be able to add more amenities and staff thereby enhancing its development as a learning institution.

And with an expected increase in enrolment, the RTVICE, equipped with enough support, will be able to produce larger number of skilled and globally competent workforce who will be this nation's partner in economic growth.

Immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT SEPARATING AND CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND MARINE SCIENCES (CASIFMAS) – RAGAY CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RAGAY, CAMARINES SUR INTO A TESDA-SUPERVISED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS RAGAY TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (RTVICE) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Camarines Sur Institute of Fisheries and Marine Sciences (CASIFMAS) – Ragay Campus located in the Municipality of Ragay, Province of Camarines Sur is hereby separated from Camarines Sur Institute of Fisheries and Marine Sciences Main Campus located in Pasacao, Camarines Sur, to be converted and known as Ragay Technical Vocational Institute for Continuing Education (RTVICE) under the direct administration and supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Section 2. RTVICE shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and technical-vocational training in aquaculture, fisheries and trade industry as the TESDA may deem necessary to carry out its objectives. It shall also offer courses and other opportunities in such courses within its area of specialization and other related courses to meet the needs of the province and of the country as a whole.

Section 3. No student shall be denied admission to the Institute by reasons of sex, ethnic consideration and religious belief or affiliation.

Section 4. The Institute shall be under the direct supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and shall be headed by a Vocational School Administrator.

Section 5. The Vocational School Administrator shall have the following duties and responsibilities;

- (a) To recommend appropriations to TESDA through its regional office for the operation and maintenance of the Institute;
- (b) To recommend the confirmation of certificates and diplomas to successful candidates for graduation on all technical-vocational and other non-degree courses stated in Section 2 of this Act;
- (c) To recommend confirmation of certificate and diplomas to successful candidates for graduation on courses other than degree courses;
- (d) To recommend appointments submitted by the screening committee to the regional office;
- (e) To recommend the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the department heads and supervisors;
- (f) To provide scholarships to faculty and staff showing special evidence of merit; and
- (g) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and permanent property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the Institute or of the departments, or for aid to any student or students in accordance with the direction and instruction of the donor or in such other manner as the superintendent may determine, subject to budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 6. The faculty of CASIFMAS-Ragay Campus as well as other personnel shall be absorbed by the new Institute. In order not to disrupt the operation of the institution and to insure the smooth transition, the incumbent Campus Head shall serve as the first Vocational School Administrator until the expiration of the tenure of his/her office.

Section 7. The body of teachers, instructors, master teachers and heads of departments shall constitute the faculty of the Institute.

Section 8. The faculty and other personnel of the Institute shall be covered by the Civil Service laws, rules and regulations.

Section 9. All the personnel, records, assets and properties including buildings, sites, and the improvements thereof, obligations, funds and appropriations of CASIFMAS-Ragay Campus are hereby transferred to RTVICE.

Section 10. The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment: *provided*, that the new name Ragay Technical Vocational Institute for Continuing Education shall take effect upon the approval of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Institute shall be included in subsequent General Appropriations Acts.

Fees and charges including government subsidies and other income generated by the Institute shall constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank, and all interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the Institute.

The income generated by the Institute may, at the discretion of the Institute, be disbursed for the professional growth and development, health, welfare, and other similar benefits of the faculty members and personnel for extension and student welfare expenses so that the flexibility on use of income shall be focused on faculty, personnel improvement and student welfare activities, and for other expenses necessary for the attainment of its purposes under this Act.

Section 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.