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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The bill seeks to rename the Naval State University located in the Municipality of Naval, Province of Biliran to be known as Biliran Island State University, amending for the purpose of Republic Act No. 9718 and for other purposes.

As Biliran became an independent province by virtue of Republic Act No. 7160 on May 11, 1992 and became a Lone District of Biliran in 1995, respectively.

In pursuit of independent entity, which was previously a sub-province of Leyte as stated in RA 2141 dated April 8, 1959 it is very timely to adopt the name of the Province to its major and only State University in the Province. Renaming the aforesaid educational institution to the namesake of the Province is a fitting tribute and epitome of independence, courage and indomitable spirit brought by unified effort of the local governance through the years.

Further, this bill seeks to amend RA 7160 by deleting provisions on the appointment of University President and board member limiting the appointment not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official. Since, Biliran is relatively small island, inhabitants are mostly in one way or another connected in blood or marriage, therefore, limiting the appointment would be irrational in case of immediate change of University President and board member.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT  
CHANGING THE NAME OF NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN TO BILIRAN  
ISLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 1. Renaming of a State University.** The name of Naval State University in the Municipality of Naval, Province of Biliran is hereby changed to Biliran Island University.

**SEC. 2. Location of the Main Campus.** The main campus of the Biliran Island University shall continue in its present location in Naval, Biliran.

**SEC. 3.** Section 5(j) of Republic Act No. 9718, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5 The Governing Board xxx

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(j) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves in their profession or fields of specialization, as members.

The Board shall appoint the two (2) prominent citizens from among a list of at least five (5) qualified persons in the Province of Biliran, whose nominations were submitted to the Board after publication for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, as recommended by the search committee constituted by the University President, in consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and the other members of the Board, based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position set by the Board:~~[DELETE: Provided, That no private sector representative shall be appointed to the Board if he/she is related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official]~~

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SEC. 4. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9718, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. The University President - The University shall be headed by a President, who shall render full-time service. He/She shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the Board, upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee: Provided, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the incumbent President of the Naval State University shall serve as the first University President. ~~[DELETE Provided, further/That no person shall be appointed as University President if he/she is related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official.]~~

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**SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** \_ The Board, in consultation with the (CHED), shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.**- All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC.7. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its official publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.