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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

On June 4, 2013, Republic Act No. 10596 was signed into law converting the Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MINS CAT) in the Municipality of Victoria, Province of Oriental Mindoro into a state university to be known as the Mindoro State University (MINSU).

However, the said law expressly states that the establishment or conversion of MINS CAT into a state university shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts that it has complied with the requirements for a university status. The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the institution and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Further, the CHED shall designate a panel of experts who shall prepare a recommendation to the Chairperson of the CHED on whatever the institution has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university status.

The following are the operational requirements for a university that must be complied with by MINS CAT:

- (a) Level III accreditation or equivalent under CHED policies for at least four of its undergraduate programs, one in liberal arts and one in the sciences, and two of its graduate programs;

- (b) Ratio of qualified full-time faculty with requisite degrees to number of students;
- (c) Adequate library and laboratories;
- (d) Research and development output of practical and commercial application to the community;
- (e) Relevant linkages and outreach programs that are of service to the community; and
- (f) Relevant academic policies, systems and processes.

A further perusal of the said law provides for a {January 1, 2016} deadline for MINS CAT to comply with the abovementioned requirements otherwise, it shall remain as a state college.

Follow up reports submitted to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on the status of conversion reveals that there has already been substantial compliance on the part of MINS CAT.

Since, there was no schedule yet for CHED validation, in September 2015, the Bill extending the deadline of compliance due on {January 1, 2016} March 31, 2018 was proposed and passed during the sixteenth Congress Third Regular Session sponsored by this representation and Congressman Roman T. Romulo, Representative of the Lone District of Pasig City and Chairman of Committee On Higher and Technical Education (CHTE). It was forwarded to the Senate on January 20, 2016 however, it was not passed for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading due to election matters in May 2016 resumption. Hence, this Bill extending the deadline of their compliance up to {January 1, 2018} March 31, 2018 to ensure that MINS CAT is given the opportunity to fully comply with all requirements and so as not to waste the time and resources spent by the college administration in trying to meet the conditions set forth by RA No. 10596.

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



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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10596 ENTITLED “AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY (MINSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

Section 1. Section 26 of Republic Act No. 10596 known as “An Act Converting the Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology in the Municipality of Victoria, Province of Oriental Mindoro into a State University to be known as the Mindoro State University (MINSU) and Appropriating Funds Therefor” shall be amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 26. Compliance with CHED Requirements. -The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the establishment or conversion of the institution into a state university shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts, that the institution has complied with the requirements for a university status. The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the institution and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

“The CHED shall designate a panel of experts who shall prepare a recommendation to the Chairperson of the CHED, on whether the institution has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university status.

“The following are the operational requirements for a university:

“(a) Level III accreditation or its equivalent under CHED policies for at least four in the institution’s undergraduate programs, one in its liberal arts programs, one in its sciences programs, and two in its graduate programs;

“(b) Ratio of qualified full-time faculty with requisite degrees to number of students;

“(c) Adequate library and laboratories;

“(d) Research and development output of practical and commercial application to the community; and

“(e) Relevant linkages and outreach programs that are of service to the community; and

“(f) Relevant academic policies, systems and processes.

“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, not later than *March 31, 2018*.”

Section 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, proclamations, issuances, or ordinances that are contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,