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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Department of Science and Technology (**DOST**) was created by the virtue of Executive Order No. 128 series of 1987 to afford significant direction, governance and management of scientific and technological efforts and ensure that the results are focused and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for the country.

It has been Thirty-Three (**33**) years in the field of science, technology and innovation is constantly evolving to provide the present and future needs of the country.

This House Bill seeks to foster the local scientific and technological efforts that address national and local problems and positively contribute to the overall national development, to expand the improvement of local capability in science and technology to achieve technological self-reliance in designated areas that are vital to national growth.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE **DEPARTMENT
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST)**, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. TITLE – This act shall be known as the “**DOST
Modernization Act of 2019**”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared
policy of the state to provide proficient and economical science and technology
community with a social integrity.

The state shall formulate and implement policies, plans, programs and projects
for the development of science and technology and for the promotion of scientific
and technological activities for both the public and private sectors, and to ensure
that the results of scientific and technological activities are realistic and applied
to accelerate economic and social development.

The **DOST** shall continually review the status and needs of science and technology in the context of the country's developmental goals.

The state shall expand the functions and responsibilities of the **DOST** correspondingly to include the following:

- Pursue the declared state policy of supporting local scientific and technological effort;
- Develop local capability to achieve technological self-reliance; and
- Encourage greater private sector participation in research and development

SECTION 3. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of two **(2)** years:

Provided, that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

Provided, further, That **DOST** shall continue to modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

SECTION 4. DOST MODERNIZATION FUND – There is hereby provided the *DOST Modernization Fund* to be used exclusively for the DOST Modernization Program.

The *DOST Modernization Fund* shall be administered by the Secretary of the **DOST** in accordance with existing government budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Provided, that there is approval of the National Economic Development Authority (**NEDA**) and subsequently the Department of Finance (**DOF**).

SECTION 5. PROGRESS REPORT – The Secretary of the **DOST** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the *DOST Modernization Program* which shall be submitted, to the President of the republic and to the Chairpersons of the Committees on Science and Technology of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS – The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be initially charged against the current fiscal year appropriations of the **DOST**.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of the modernization program, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

SECTION 7. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,