



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3179

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEACHON AND HOFER

AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING 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 (4) of its undergraduate programs, one (1) in liberal arts and one (1) in the sciences, and two (2) 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, system 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 [within a period not exceeding January 1, 2016] ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021."

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3 provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified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

5 SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
6 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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