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House Bill No. **3863**



Introduced by Honorable Robert Ace S. Barbers

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 04, 2013 President Benigno S. Aquino III signed into law Republic Act No. 10600, entitled, "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10600 ENTITLED, "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

The said law provided for a period within which the said institutions may comply with the conditions in order for them to become a University. However, said period is deemed not enough, thus this amendatory act extending the deadline for compliance with the requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for conversion, to December 31, 2018. This bill seeks to further amend RA 10600 in order to provide for a smooth and better transition.

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


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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. The University President. – The University shall be headed by a President, who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board, upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee. The University President shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term: *Provided*, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the incumbent President of the SSCT shall serve as the [Officer-in-Charge] **FIRST PRESIDENT** of the University.

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SEC. 2. Section 25 of Republic Act. No. 10600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. Compliance with CHED Requirements. – xxx

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"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] **LATER THAN** [January 1, 2016]
DECEMBER 31, 2018.

SEC. 3. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.