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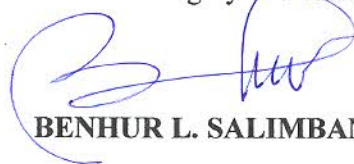
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a public college in the Province of Cebu to be known as Northern Cebu College of Agriculture. As embodied in the Philippine Constitution wherein the State is mandated to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all, this bill sought to implement such guarantee in the Constitution.

Moreover, the Philippines is an archipelagic state wherein fishery is a major industry. Vast opportunities for improvement are available to our people if given the right avenue to learn thru science and technology the knowledge and skills pertaining to fisheries, marine, aquaculture, bio-diversity, agriculture and veterinary courses. A Filipino agriculturist will become an A-list in his field and the agriculture industry in the Philippines will have a competitive edge within the region.

There is nothing more important than giving education as a legacy to the family. Filipino parents are known to strive in order to send their children to school. As such, this bill seeks to establish a public college to be located at Medellin, Cebu which will provide the basic facilities for the Filipinos in their desire to obtain better education especially in the field of agriculture. This college will also enable the youth to finish their studies in a more affordable and accessible manner to those who wants to take up agricultural courses. This school shall specialize in agricultural courses.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC COLLEGE
TO BE KNOWN AS NORTHERN CEBU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
TO BE LOCATED AT CURVA, MEDELLIN, CEBU PROVINCE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the joint supervision of the Commission on Higher Education and the Province of Cebu, a public college in the province of Cebu to be located at Curva, Medellin, Cebu to be known as Northern Cebu College of Agriculture. This school shall specialize in agricultural courses;

SECTION 2. The location of the Northern Cebu College of Agriculture shall be donated by an identified private benevolent individual and is hereby declared to be property of the College, *Provided*, That should the College cease to exist or be abolished, or should said parcel of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the College, the same shall revert to the donor concerned;

SECTION 3. The Northern Cebu College of Agriculture is hereby authorized to collaborate with the Cebu Technological University in Daanbantayan Campus, Cebu, under the joint supervision of the CHED and the Cebu Province and in consultation with the DBM, and work towards the structuring of the Northern Cebu College of Agriculture to become more efficient, viable, adoptive and competitive college, specializing in agricultural courses.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated the initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos to carry out the provisions of this Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Northern Cebu College of Agriculture shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,