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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to repeal prohibitions for appointment of President for Naval State University located in the Municipality of Naval, Province of Biliran, as stated "Provided, That no private sector representative shall be appointed as University President if he/she is related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official," amending for the purpose Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9718, otherwise known as conversion of Naval Institute of Technology to Naval State University.

Furthermore, in Section 5 Paragraph J of RA 9718, the bill seeks to eliminate the same prohibition for appointment of Board Member in case there is a need to acquire.

Since, Biliran is relatively small island, inhabitants are mostly in one way or another connected in blood or marriage, limiting the appointment would be irrational in case of immediate change of University President and member of the Board.

Approval of the bill will expedite the search for nomination for new president or member of the board towards quality services of Naval State University. Thus, deleting provisions limiting the appointment not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official would rather be more beneficial to the Province.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT

REPEALING PROHIBITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, PROVIDED THAT NO PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED AS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT IF HE/SHE IS RELATED BY CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY UP TO THE THIRD CIVIL DEGREE TO ANY INCUMBENT LOCAL OR NATIONAL OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CONVERSION OF NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 1. Repealing prohibitions for appointment for Naval State University President and Board Member.** The prohibition for appointment of Naval State University President and Board Member is hereby repealed and eliminated as amended.

**SEC. 2.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9718, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. The University President – The University shall be headed by a President, who shall render full-time service. He/She shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the Board, upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee: Provided, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the incumbent President of the Naval State University shall serve as the first University President. ~~[DELETE Provided, further/That no person shall be appointed as University President if he/she is related by~~

**consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official.]**

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**SEC. 3.** Section 5(j) of Republic Act No. 9718, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5 The Governing Board xxx

- (j) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves in their profession or fields of specialization, as members.

The Board shall appoint the two (2) prominent citizens from among a list of at least five (5) qualified persons in the Province of Biliran, whose nominations were submitted to the Board after publication for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, as recommended by the search committee constituted by the University President, in consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and the other members of the Board, based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position set by the Board: **[DELETE: Provided, That no private sector representative shall be appointed to the Board if he/she is related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to any incumbent local or national official]**

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**SEC. 4.Implementing Rules and Regulations.** \_ The Board, in consultation with the (CHED), shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.**– All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC.6. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its official publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.