

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4133

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**Introduced by: Rep. Narciso R. Bravo Jr.**

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**Explanatory Note**

More than 60 years ago since its establishment, Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. – Masbate State University (DEBESMSU) has come a long way. From its former name, Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. Memorial State Collage of Agriculture and Technology, last January 3, 2019, RA 11171 was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, giving its present name with the mandate of establishing future satellite campuses all around the province of Masbate.


The province consists of three (3) major islands: Masbate Mainland, Ticao and Burias. Currently, the two major islands of Masbate, Masbate Mainland and Ticao has already an existing DEBESMSU satellite campuses.

In view thereof, this Representation is proposing to establish a Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. – Masbate State University (DEBESMSU) Campus in the Municipality of Claveria, Burias, Province of Masbate, to be called as DEBESMSU – Claveria Campus. It is necessary to establish satellite campuses in the different strategic municipalities of Masbate, including the municipality of Claveria to provide affordable and quality education accessible to all Masbateños.

It is to further realize the mandate of Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution that provides that, “the State shall protect and promote the right of every citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

With the establishment of additional campuses around Masbate, it will allow the institution to expand its curricular offerings, expand its leadership influence among Masbateños and strengthen its research and extension services.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA SR. - MASBATE STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, TO BE KNOWN AS "DEBESMSU-CLAVERIA CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "DEBESMSU-Claveria Campus Act".

**SECTION 2.** There is hereby established a branch of Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. - Masbate State University in the municipality of Claveria, Province of Masbate, to be known as DEBESMSU-Claveria Campus.

**SECTION 3.** The DEBESMSU-Claveria Campus shall offer graduate, undergraduate and short-term technical-vocational courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly to meet the needs of the province and the entire Bicol Region.

The DEBESMSU-Claveria Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas, including the offering of graduate degrees under the DEBEMSU Open University System.

**SECTION 4.** The DEBESMSU-Claveria Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service. He shall be appointed or designated by the Board of Regents (BOR) upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

**SECTION 5.** The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 6.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

**Approved,**