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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks the conversion of the Camarines Norte State College including its Satellite Colleges in the Province of Camarines Norte into a State University to be known as the Camarines Norte State University (CNSU).

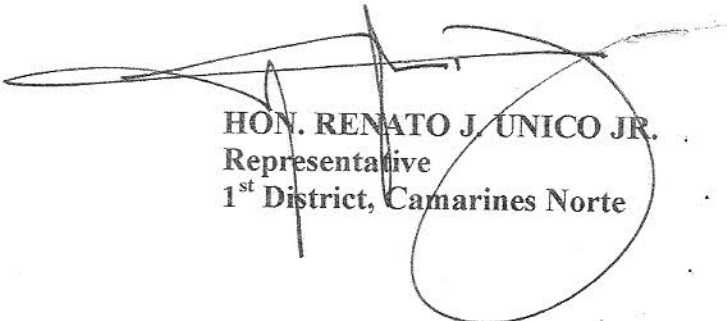
Camarines Norte State College (CNSC) provides special program in promoting services in the field of research, extension and graduate studies for progressive leadership. The CNSC has its satellite campuses: Abaño Campus, Mercedes Campus, Labo Campus, and Jose Panganiban Campus, respectively. Entienza Campus in Sta. Elena, Camarines Norte is also now a part of the CNSC since 2007. The Camarines Norte State College caters to more than 5,143 students from different parts of Bicol region and other nearby provinces. An average of 886 students graduate from the different programs each year, the most number coming from College of Business and Public Administration, College of Education, and Arts and Sciences. Performance of CNSC in board examinations breaks record as some become national placers.

Camarines Norte State College provides higher professional and technical instruction and training in the area. The local officials of the province of Camarines Norte found it fitting to reform and refocus the educational thrusts of the Camarines Norte State College in order to suit the prevailing clamor of the people in their pursuit for a quality higher education equal to the standards of a university.

The conversion of the Camarines Norte State College will have greater technological impact on the rural areas where it is located and where the Satellite Colleges are strategically situated. It will also provide advanced education and professional training in the students' chosen fields of education. This will greatly enhance simultaneous economic growth in the province of Camarines Norte.

Consistent with the constitutional mandate which provides that the State must establish and maintain a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development, this bill becomes imperative.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE CAMARINES NORTE STATE COLLEGE IN THE**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF DAET, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO**  
**A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMARINES NORTE**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. Conversion. – The Camarines Norte State College in the municipality of Daet, Province of Camarines Norte is hereby converted into a state university to be known as the Camarines Norte State University, hereinafter referred to as the University.

SEC. 2. General Mandate. – The University shall primarily provide higher technological and professional instruction and training in the fields of economics, agriculture, health, engineering, education, management, finance, accounting, forest research and conservation, business and public administration as well as short-term technical and vocational courses. It shall also undertake and promote research and extension services, advanced studies and progressive leadership in all areas of discipline and responsibilities.

SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings. – The University shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of agriculture and fishery, environmental management, engineering, education, arts and sciences and other degrees/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 of Camarines Norte and the Bicol Region.

The existing high school shall be transferred to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd): *Provided*, That the high school shall be

allowed to remain and operate within the campus of the University until its students, who are currently enrolled, shall have completed their high school education: Provided, further, That the University may operate a reasonably-sized laboratory school, if it has a College of Education.

SEC. 4. Administration. – The University shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as the “Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The administration of the University and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents and the President of the University.

SEC. 5. The Governing Board. – The governing board of the University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

- (a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Chairperson;
- (b) The President of the University, Vice Chairperson;
- (c) The Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture of the Senate, member;
- (d) The Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives, member;
- (e) The Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), member;
- (f) The Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), member;
- (g) The Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture (DA), member;
- (h) The President of the faculty association of the University, member;
- (i) The President of the student council of the University, member;
- (j) The President of the alumni association of the University, member; and
- (k) Three (3) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves in their profession or fields of specialization, as members.

The Board shall appoint the three (3) prominent citizens from among a list of at least five (5) qualified persons in the Province of Camarines Norte, whose nominations were submitted to the Board after publication of 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.

The term of office of the President of the faculty association, the President of the

