Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means on **November 16, 2021**
Re: House Bill No. **10502**

Recommend its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 9321

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go, Eric Go Yap, Joey Sarte Salceda, and Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill No. 9321, introduced by Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY (PRMSU)-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **10502**, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY-MAIN CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”


Respectfully submitted,

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(In Substitution of House Bill No. 9321)

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY-MAIN CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Establishment. – There is hereby established a medical school in the President Ramon Magsaysay State University (PRMSU)-Main Campus located in the Municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales, which shall be known as the “President Ramon Magsaysay State University-College of Medicine”.

SEC. 2. General Mandate. – The PRMSU–College of Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the “College”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including the Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine (INTARMED) Program, consisting of basic science and clinical courses, and using learner-centered and competency-based approach. The primary
The goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Zambales and Region III.

The College shall likewise undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 3. Governance. - The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the PRMSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Republic Act No. 11015, as amended, otherwise known as “An Act Renaming the Ramon Magsaysay Technological University (RMTU) as the President Ramon Magsaysay State University (PRMSU), Expanding its Curricular Offerings and Strengthening its Governing Board, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8498, Entitled: "An Act Establishing the Ramon Magsaysay Technological University Out of the Integration of the Ramon Magsaysay Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Iba, the Western Luzon Agricultural College in the Municipality of San Marcelino and the Candelaria School of Fisheries in the Municipality of Candelaria, All in the Province of Zambales, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.

SEC. 4. Administration. – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Dean of the PRMSU insofar as authorized by the Board and the President of the University.

SEC. 5. The College Dean. – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the constituents of the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed to another term.

Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the PRMSU shall constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship of the College.

The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.

The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466, otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the Deans of similar educational institutions.

In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an
Officer-in-Charge of the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided, That* the Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Board.

**SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, the faculty members of the College: *Provided, That* no political belief, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided, further, That* said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided, finally, That* no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.

**SEC. 7. Scholarship Programs and Admission.** – The College shall provide scholarships and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to the College.

No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion, cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.

**SEC. 8. Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.** – The College shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.

**SEC. 9. Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies and Detail of Personnel.** – Upon the request of the Board, through the President of the PRMSU, the heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer to the College such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or service of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.

**SEC. 10. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.** – All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled or named after the PRMSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the property of the PRMSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided, That* should the College cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PRMSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
SEC. 11. **Duty and Tax Exemptions.** - The importation by the College of medical books or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.

All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to and used actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the College shall be exempt from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

SEC. 12. **Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

SEC. 13. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 14. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 15. **Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force and effect.

SEC. 16. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 17. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,