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House Bill No. 7687 (In substitution of House Bills Numbered 4421, 6403 and 6475)

Introduced by Representatives Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, Jr., Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, Mark O. Go, Angelo Marcos Barba, Ma. Victoria V. Umali, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Dahlia A. Loyola, Faustino V "Inno" A. Dy, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Precious Hipolito-Castelo, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagano, Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, Estrellita B. Suansing, Cesar "Jawo" L. Jimenez, Jr., Glona G. Labadlabad, Jocelyn F. Fortuno, Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Braeden John Q. Biron, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, and Eric Go Yap

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUSES OF THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. TOMAS, PORAC, LUBAO, CANDABA, APALIT, MEXICO, STA. RITA, FLORIDABLANCA, GUAGUA, AND SASMUAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE DHVSU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Don Honorio Ventura State University-Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, Apalit, Mexico, Sta. Rita, Floridablanca, Guagua, and Sasmuan Campuses Act".

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SEC. 2. The Extension Campuses of the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) located in the Municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, Apalit, Mexico, Sta. Rita, Floridablanca, Guagua, and Sasmuan, all in the Province of Pampanga, are hereby converted into regular campuses of the DHVSU, to be known as the DHVSU-Sto. Tomas Campus, DHVSU-Porac Campus, DHVSU-Lubao Campus, DHVSU-Candaba Campus, DHVSU-Apalit Campus, DHVSU-Mexico Campus, DHVSU-Sta. Rita Campus, DHVSU-Floridablanca Campus, DHVSU-Guagua Campus, and DHVSU-Sasmuan Campus.

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SEC. 3. The DHVSU-Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, Apalit, Mexico, Sta. Rita, Floridablanca, Guagua, and Sasmuan Campuses, shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within their areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the DHVSU, and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to meet the human resources development needs of

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the Province of Pampanga and Region III. They are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

- **SEC. 4.** The governance of the Campuses shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the DHVSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board.
- SEC. 5. The DHVSU President shall exercise overall supervision and management of the campuses. Each campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and is appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.
- SEC. 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the DHVSU Extension Campuses located in the Municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, Apalit, Mexico, Sta. Rita, Floridablanca, Guagua, and Sasmuan, Province of Pampanga, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the DHVSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the DHVSU-Sto. Tomas Campus, DHVSU-Porac Campus, DHVSU-Lubao Campus, DHVSU-Candaba Campus, DHVSU-Apalit Campus, DHVSU-Mexico Campus, DHVSU-Sta. Rita Campus, DHVSU-Floridablanca Campus, DHVSU-Guagua Campus, and DHVSU-Sasmuan Campus are hereby transferred to the DHVSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the DHVSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the DHVSU, the same shall revert to the local government units concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, Apalit, Mexico, Sta. Rita, Floridablanca, Guagua, and Sasmuan shall provide the same financial support to the respective extension campuses until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the campuses shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 8. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", and Republic Act No. 9832, entitled "An Act converting the Don Honorio Ventura College of Arts and Trades in the municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga into a state university to be known as the Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University (DHVTSU), and appropriating funds therefor", as amended by Republic Act No. 11169, entitled "An Act renaming the Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University (DHVTSU) in the municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga as the Don Honorio Ventura State University, and expanding its curricular offerings, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 9832 entitled "An Act converting the Don Honorio Ventura College of Arts and Trades in the municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga into a state university to be known as the Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University (DHVTSU), and appropriating funds therefor", shall form part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the DHVSU.

- SEC. 9. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- **SEC. 10.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.
- **SEC. 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,