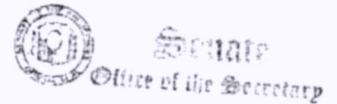


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE MARINDUQUE STATE COLLEGE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BOAC, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE INTO A STATE
UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARINDUQUE STATE
UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of the Marinduque State College (MSC) including its Satellite Campuses in the Province of Marinduque into a State University to be known as the Marinduque State University (MSU).

As a state institution of learning, Marinduque State College's beginning and development could be traced to a number of legislation that catapulted MSC to its present status as a premier college in the province and in the region – as manifested by its impressive performance in instruction, research and extension and production.

MSC was founded on June 21, 1952, when House Bill No. 2743 authored by then Congressman Panfilo Manguera of Marinduque, was signed into law as Republic Act No. 805 by President Elpidio Quirino.

Since its establishment, MSC continues to develop as an institution of higher learning. It revolutionized its methodologies and strategies to live up to its mission of providing quality, responsive and dynamic leadership in the areas of Education, Technology, Engineering, Fisheries, Culture, Arts and Sciences to empower God-fearing individuals who are innovators and protectors for the sustainable development of the province and the country as a whole vis-à-vis its vision of achieving the status of being a premier

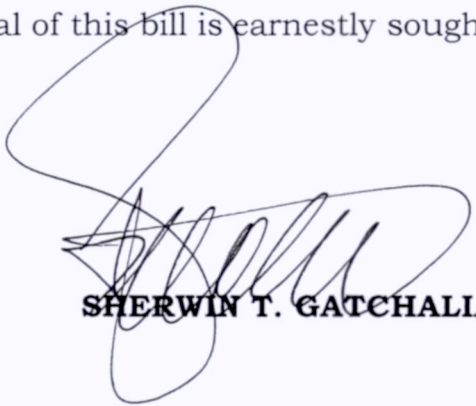
college in the Region along the fields of Instruction, Research, Extension and Production.

At present, Marinduque State College, in its 25th Anniversary as a State College, is progressing rapidly towards the attainment of its Universityhood. Courses in Engineering, Allied Medicine, Entrepreneurship, Communication and Tourism, and Information Technology are offered in addition to the Industrial Technology and Teacher Education. As an evidence of the high quality of education, its graduates attained the 7th Place in Civil Engineering Board Examination, 8th Place in Agriculturist Licensure Examination and 8th Place in Electrical Engineering Board Examination this School Year while other courses obtained higher passing percentages than the national passing rate.

Given all the foregoing, it is already high time for its conversion into a State University. The conversion of the MSC into a State University will bring the government closer to the impoverished but deserving students, who cannot afford private higher education in the Province of Marinduque and neighboring provinces.

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 measure becomes imperative.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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