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BY REPRESENTATIVES GULLAS, ROMULO, OLIVAREZ, FORTUNO, ESCUDERO, DE VENECIA, BASCUG, CARI, ESPINA, ABUNDA, PANOTES, GUICO, TUTOR, BARBA, CASTELO, ANDAYA, SAULOG, BORDADO, RODRIGUEZ, FORTUN, MANGAOANG, RADAZA, GARCIA (V.) AND BENITEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 98

AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU A [~~CULTURAL~~] HERITAGE ZONE

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Carcar City
2 [~~Cultural~~] Heritage Zone Act”.

3 SEC. 2. The Constitution mandates the State to conserve,
4 develop, promote, and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural
5 heritage and resources, as well as its artistic creations. It further
6 provides that all the country’s artistic and historic wealth constitute
7 the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be protected by the
8 State, which may regulate its disposition.

9 Towards this end, the promotion and preservation of the
10 cultural and historical landmarks that highlight the uniqueness and
11 beauty of Carcar City, including all century-old architecturally
12 significant and historic houses thereat, shall be pursued

1 in the development and management of its tourism industry, cultural
2 heritage and resources.

3 SEC. 3. The City of Carcar in the Province of Cebu is hereby
4 declared a [cultural] heritage zone AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE II,
5 SECTION 3(Q) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066, OTHERWISE KNOWN
6 AS THE “NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009”. As such,
7 it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism
8 (DOT), in coordination with THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF
9 CEBU, the City Government of Carcar, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
10 FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND ITS AFFILIATED
11 CULTURAL AGENCIES, and other concerned agencies of the
12 government, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing
13 the conservation and preservation of [cultural] heritage zones.

14 [~~As used in this Act, cultural heritage zone refers to historical,~~
15 ~~anthropological, archeological, artistic geographical areas and~~
16 ~~settings that are culturally significant to the country.]~~

17 SEC. 4. The DOT, in coordination with the [~~National~~
18 ~~Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Tourism~~
19 ~~Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), National~~
20 ~~Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), National~~
21 ~~Museum of the Philippines (NMP),] Provincial Government of Cebu,
22 [~~and~~] the City Government of Carcar, THE NCCA AND ITS AFFILIATED
23 CULTURAL AGENCIES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), shall
25 immediately prepare the development plan involving the preservation,
26 conservation, restoration, and maintenance of cultural and historical sites
27 and structures for the enhancement AND SUSTAINABILITY of tourism~~

1 in Carcar City: *Provided*, That the NCCA shall approve only those
2 methods and materials that strictly adhere to the accepted international
3 standards of conservation in undertaking conservation and restoration
4 works, as provided for in Section 15 of Republic Act No. 10066 [~~otherwise~~
5 ~~known as the “National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009.”~~] : *PROVIDED*,
6 *FURTHER*, THAT THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
7 NO. 7586 OR THE “NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS
8 SYSTEM ACT”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11038, SHALL
9 BE APPLIED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROTECTED AREAS
10 WITHIN THE CITY OF CARCAR IN COORDINATION WITH THE
11 DENR.

12 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
13 DOT, in coordination with the [~~NCCA, TIEZA, NHCP, NMP,~~] Provincial
14 Government of Cebu, [~~and~~] the City Government of Carcar, THE NCCA
15 AND ITS AFFILIATED CULTURAL AGENCIES, AND THE DENR, shall
16 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
17 implementation of this Act.

18 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
19 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
20 circulation.

Approved,

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