

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AND REYES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 569

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A HERITAGE ZONE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN**  
**VICENTE, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** A Heritage Zone, as defined and provided for by Article II, Section 3(q)  
2 and Article IV, Sections 12 and 13 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10066, otherwise known as the  
3 "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009," is hereby established within the Municipality of San  
4 Vicente, Province of Ilocos Sur in order to protect the historical and cultural integrity of the area.

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6           The Heritage Zone shall include the cultural properties declared as National Cultural  
7 Treasures and Important Cultural Properties as well as National Historical Landmarks, Shrines,  
8 Monuments, and Sites, and such other immovable, movable or intangible cultural properties whether  
9 publicly or privately owned, as may be designated for inclusion therein by the National Commission  
10 for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated cultural agencies, in coordination with THE  
11 MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, ILOCOS SUR AND other concerned agencies and  
12 government entities[~~, including the Municipality of San Vicente, Ilocos Sur~~].

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14           THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT), IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
15 PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, ILOCOS SUR,  
16 AND THE NCCA AND ITS AFFILIATED CULTURAL AGENCIES, SHALL  
17 IMMEDIATELY PREPARE THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN INVOLVING THE  
18 PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF  
19 CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITES AND STRUCTURES FOR THE ENHANCEMENT  
20 AND SUSTAINABILITY OF TOURISM IN SAN VICENTE, ILOCOS SUR: *PROVIDED*,  
21 THAT THE NCCA SHALL APPROVE ONLY THOSE METHODS AND MATERIALS  
22 THAT STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF  
23 CONSERVATION IN UNDERTAKING CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION WORKS,  
24 AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 15 OF R.A. 10066.

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26           Within the period of one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipality of San  
27 Vicente, Ilocos Sur shall[~~, giving due consideration to stipulations and recommendations made for~~  
28 ~~the purpose by the NCCA,~~] pass a municipal ordinance to operationalize appropriately the  
29 management of its Heritage Zone, including all the cultural properties designated as intrinsic  
30 thereto, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND in line with the objectives and  
31 provisions of R.A.10066 and this Act. THE ORDINANCE SHALL LIKEWISE INCLUDE  
32 THE METES AND BOUNDS OF THE HERITAGE ZONE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO

1 THIS ACT.  
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4 **SEC. 2.** The preservation, protection, study, and promotion of the cultural and historical  
5 integrity of the geographical area represented by the Heritage Zone shall receive priority  
6 DEVELOPMENT, attention, assistance, and funding from the NCCA and its affiliated cultural  
7 agencies, ~~[as well as]~~ AND from the ~~[Department of Tourism]~~ DOT and its attached agencies,  
8 SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT RULES AND  
9 REGULATIONS.

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11 **SEC. 3.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the ~~[NCCA shall, in~~  
12 ~~coordination with concerned cultural agencies of the government and the Municipality of San~~  
13 ~~Vicente, Ilocos Sur,]~~ DOT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR,  
14 THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, ILOCOS SUR, THE NCCA, AND CONCERNED  
15 CULTURAL AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, SHALL promulgate the necessary rules  
16 and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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18 **SEC. 4.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this  
19 Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.  
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21 **SEC. 5.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules,  
22 regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
23 repealed or modified accordingly.  
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25 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
26 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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28 Approved,