

# COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 267

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; Tourism; and Finance on May 26 2021\_\_\_\_.

Re: House Bill No. 7927.

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Win Gatchalian

## **MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; Tourism; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 7927**, introduced by Representatives Savellano, Romulo, Lusotan, Abueg-Zaldivar, Saulog, Lacson, Lazatin, Cabredo, Dalog, Barba, Bascug, Eriguel, Cuaresma, Olivarez, Robes, Acop and Reyes, entitled:

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

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 7927 be approved with the following amendments:

- 1. On page 1, line 10, after the phrase "in coordination with", insert the phrase "THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, ILOCOS SUR AND".
- 2. On the same page, lines 11 to 12, after the word "entities", delete the comma and the phrase "including the Municipality of San Vicente, Ilocos Sur".
- 3. Still on page 1, after the second paragraph, insert a new third paragraph for Section 1 to read as follows:

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

- 4. On the same page, lines 15 to 16, after the word "shall", delete the comma and the phrase "giving due consideration to stipulations and recommendations made for the purpose by the NCCA,".
- 5. Still on page 1, line 18, after the word "thereto," insert the phrase "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND".

6. On the same page and line, insert a new last sentence for Section 1 to read as follows:

"THE ORDINANCE SHALL LIKEWISE INCLUDE THE METES AND BOUNDS OF THE HERITAGE ZONE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT."

- 7. On the same page, line 21, after the word "priority", insert the word "DEVELOPMENT,".
- 8. On the same page, line 22, after the word "agencies," delete the phrase "as well as", and replace it with the word "**AND**".
- 9. Still on page 1, line 23, delete the name "Department of Tourism", and replace it with the acronym "**DOT**".
- 10. On the same page and line, after the word "agencies", add a comma then insert the phrase **"SUBJECT TO EXISTING APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"**.
- 11. On the same page, lines 25 to 27, delete the phrase "NCCA shall, in coordination with concerned cultural agencies of the government and the Municipality of San Vicente, Ilocos Sur," and replace it with the phrase "DOT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, ILOCOS SUR, THE NCCA, AND CONCERNED CULTURAL AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, SHALL".

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Respectfully submitted:

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H. No. 7927 .

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SAVELLANO, ROMULO, LUSOTAN, ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, SAULOG, LACSON, LAZATIN, CABREDO, DALOG, BARBA, BASCUG, ERIGUEL, CUARESMA, OLIVAREZ, ROBES, ACOP AND REYES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 569

#### 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:

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

The Heritage Zone shall include the cultural properties declared as National Cultural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties as well as National Historical Landmarks, Shrines, Monuments, and Sites, and such other immovable, movable or intangible cultural properties whether publicly or privately owned, as may be designated for inclusion therein by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated cultural agencies, in coordination with other concerned agencies and government entities, including the Municipality of San Vicente, Ilocos Sur.

Within the period of one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipality of San 14 Vicente, Ilocos Sur shall, giving due consideration to stipulations and recommendations made for 15 the purpose by the NCCA, pass a municipal ordinance to operationalize appropriately the 16 management of its Heritage Zone, including all the cultural properties designated as intrinsic 17 thereto, in line with the objectives and provisions of R.A.10066 and this Act. 18

SEC. 2. The preservation, protection, study, and promotion of the cultural and historical 20 integrity of the geographical area represented by the Heritage Zone shall receive priority attention, 21 assistance, and funding from the NCCA and its affiliated cultural agencies, as well as from the 22 Department of Tourism and its attached agencies. 23

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA shall, in 25 26 coordination with concerned cultural agencies of the government and the Municipality of San Vicente, Ilocos Sur, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper 27 28 implementation of this Act.

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SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

4 SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules, 5 regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby 6 repealed or modified accordingly. 7

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

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