



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7302

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BY REPRESENTATIVES VELASCO AND SAKALURAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 338

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE AS THE HOME OF THE**  
**MORIONES FESTIVAL**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** It is the policy of the State to preserve and promote the country's rich  
2 history and cultural heritage.

3           Pursuant thereto, the Province of Marinduque is hereby declared as the home of the  
4 Moriones Festival, an annual indigenous re-enactment of the story of a Roman centurion who  
5 was blind in one eye but was miraculously cured after piercing the side of the crucified Jesus  
6 Christ. Celebrated since 1807, it is commemorated during the Holy Week and attracts a  
7 massive number of tourists.

8           **SEC. 2.** The Department of Tourism (DOT) shall feature the Moriones Festival in the  
9 Province of Marinduque in its national and regional promotion programs.

10           **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
11 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,