



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5577

BY REPRESENTATIVES GULLAS AND NOEL, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1767

AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AS 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 Cultural Heritage
2 Zone Act of 2006”.

3 SEC. 2. There is need to protect, preserve, conserve and promote the
4 nation’s cultural heritage and history, and the *ethnicity of local communities*.

5 SEC. 3. For purposes of this Act, the term “cultural heritage zone” shall
6 refer to historical, anthropological, archeological, artistic and geographical
7 areas and settings that are culturally significant to the country, the context of
8 which need to be preserved.

9 SEC. 4. The Municipality of Carcar in the Province of Cebu is hereby
10 declared a cultural heritage zone. It is the setting of centuries-old

1 architecturally significant and historic houses, the largest such ensemble in
2 Cebu and in the country. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by
3 the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the concerned
4 agencies of government, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
5 governing the conservation and preservation of cultural heritage zones.

6 SEC. 5. Without prejudice to the heritage monuments and sites
7 declared or to be declared by the National Historical Institute (NHI) as national
8 shrines, national monuments and national landmarks, all structures located in
9 the Municipality of Carcar which are fifty (50) years or more in existence and
10 which conform with the definition of the terms "monuments" and "sites" in the
11 Carcar Heritage Ordinance, are hereby declared heritage monuments and sites.
12 These are the following:

13 (a) The three watchtowers in barangays Tuyom, Bacsiji and Perrelos;

14 (b) The vicinity in Barangay Perrelos where the old acacia trees are
15 located; and

16 (c) The rotunda, kiosk and the old cemetery in Poblacion Three.

17 The following areas are likewise declared heritage sites:

18 Jose Rizal St., Upper General Luna St., San Vicente St., church and
19 municipal plaza, San Jose St. (Luan-Luan), P. Vasquez St., C. Noel St., F.
20 Noel St. and Fraternidad St., all in Barangay Poblacion one;

21 Jose Rizal St., Sta. Catalina St., Lower Gen. Luna St., Burgos St.,
22 Plaridel St., Rosario St., La Libertad St., all in Barangay Poblacion Two; and

1 P. Nellas St., upper portion of Awayan and Dapdap, all in Barangay
2 Poblacion Three.

3 The use, upkeep and preservation of the above declared monuments and
4 sites, as far as practicable, shall be the concern of the Municipality of Carcar.

5 SEC. 6. The DOT, in coordination with the Philippine Tourism
6 Authority and other government agencies concerned, the provincial
7 government of Cebu and the local government of the Municipality of Carcar
8 shall, within one year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development
9 plan involving the preservation, conservation, restoration and/or maintenance
10 of such appropriate facilities which shall enhance tourism in the area:
11 *Provided,* That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
12 maintenance of identified structures, covering the technical standards for
13 conservation and restoration, the survey, planning, engineering and
14 construction work.

15 SEC. 7. The DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
16 for the proper implementation of this Act.

17 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,