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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 516

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance on JAN 25 2022.

Re: House Bill No. 9607.

Recommending its approval with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2170.

Sponsor: Senator Win Gatchalian

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 9607**, introduced by Representatives Espina, Romulo, Yap (E.) and Tambunting, entitled:

"AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO BE KNOWN AS BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

and taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 2170**, introduced by Senator Imee R. Marcos, entitled:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN THE
PROVINCE OF BILIRAN AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 9607, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2170, be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, lines 1 to 4, delete the entire Section 1 and replace it with a new Section 1 to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM TO PROMOTE CULTURE AND THE ARTS. IT SHALL SERVE AS THE INSTITUTIONAL MEDIUM FOR THE PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, PRESENTATION AND PROMOTION OF THE CULTURAL, ARTISTIC, ARCHAEOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, HISTORICAL, RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL HERITAGE OF THE BILIRAN ISLAND AND ITS PEOPLE IN VIEW OF THE RICHNESS OF THEIR LEGACIES AND OF THEIR RELEVANCE TO THEIR CONTEMPORARY AND FUTURE ASPIRATIONS."

2. On the same page, lines 6 to 8, delete the entire Section 2 and replace it with a new Section 2 to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. THE BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM SHALL BE A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BILIRAN AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) WITH ITS CONCERNED AFFILIATED CULTURAL AGENCIES AND PERTINENT ACADEMIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR

PARTNERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WITH ITS SITE, STRUCTURES, GOVERNANCE, ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES, TO BE EXECUTED AND PUBLISHED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT."

3. On the same page, delete lines 10 to 12, and replace it with the following:

"SEC. 3. TO FULFILL ITS PURPOSES AND ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES, THE BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM SHALL:"

4. On page 1, Section 3, on sub-paragraphs (a) to (i), an omnibus amendment to delete the beginning word "To".
5. On page 1, line 15 and on page 2, line 10, before the word "collect", delete the word "to".
6. On page 2, line 12, after the semi-colon, delete the conjunction "and".
7. On the same page, line 15, after the name "Biliran", delete the period and replace it with a semi-colon (;).
8. On the same page, after line 15, insert new sub-paragraphs (j) and (k) to read as follows:

"J. CONDUCT PERFORMANCES ON LOCAL MUSIC, DANCES, ARTS, LITERARY WORKS, EPICS, STORIES, HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS AND LEGENDS; AND

K. CARRY OUT ANY OTHER RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES."

9. On the same page, lines 17 and 18, delete the entire Section 4 and replace it with a new Section 4 to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BILIRAN SHALL PROVIDE THE LAND NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ESTABLISHMENT, OR BOTH, OF THE MAIN VENUE AND ANCILLARY OFFICES AND FACILITIES OF THE BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM."

10. After the new Section 4, insert a new Section 5 to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET OF THE NCCA (PROPER). THEREAFTER, SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR ITS CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."

11. Still on the same page, lines 20 to 23, delete the entire Section 5 and replace it with a new Section to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE NCCA, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BILIRAN, OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL PROMULGATE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT."

12. Still on page 2, line 25, before the word "this", insert the phrase **"NOTWITHSTANDING THE NON-ISSUANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS,"**.

13. Renumber the Sections accordingly.

14. Finally, amend the title to read as follows:

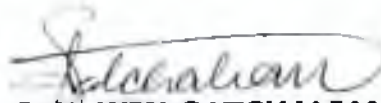
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ESTABLISHING THE BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN
THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES AND
OBJECTIVES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

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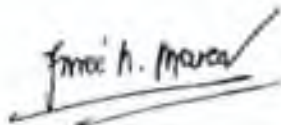
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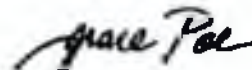


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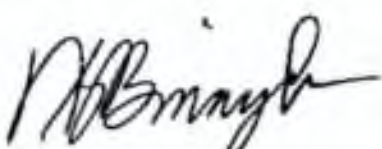
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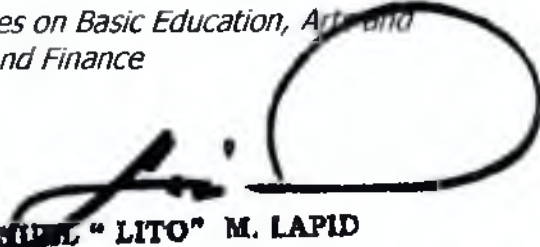
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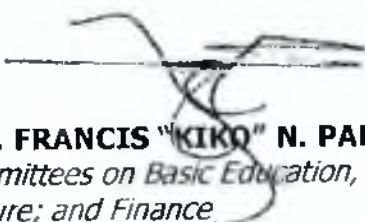
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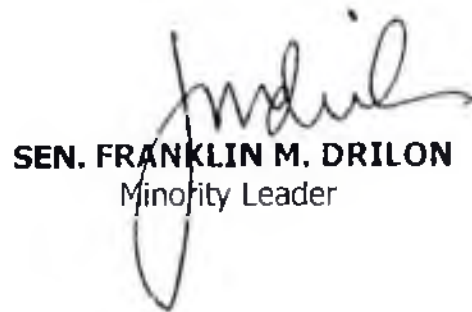
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9607

BY REPRESENTATIVES ESPINA, ROMULO, YAP (E.) AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 1054

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN THE PROVINCE OF
BILIRAN, TO BE KNOWN AS BILIRAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Province of Biliran a cultural
2 center and museum to be known as Biliran Cultural Center and Museum, which
3 shall be under the supervision of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts
4 (NCCA).
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6 **SEC. 2.** The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of the Province of Biliran, in
7 coordination with the NCCA, shall choose the site of the Biliran Cultural Center and
8 Museum.
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10 **SEC. 3.** For purposes of implementing its activities and functions, the Biliran
11 Cultural Center and Museum is hereby authorized to give emphasis to the following
12 undertakings:
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- 14 a. To compile the musical notes and lyrics of Biliran traditional songs,
15 ballads, and contemporary music compositions, and to collect samples of
16 musical instruments of Biliran origin, design and creation;
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18 b. To acquire and display a varied range of Biliran arts and artifacts;
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20 c. To publish and disseminate Biliran literary works, epics, stories and
21 historical accounts;
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23 d. To compile Biliran literature, film, or audio-visual recordings of cultural
24 performances in music, dances, oral literature, and festival celebrations;

- 1 e. To compile Biliran works, names of barangays, towns and other places
2 of interests and their respective history;
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4 f. To gather and document Biliran religious practices and traditions, and the
5 background and origin of Biliran fiestas and festivals;
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7 g. To compile photographs of and showcase by appropriate exhibits, Biliran
8 landmarks, historical sites and scenic views;
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10 h. To gather specimens of archaeological findings, and to collect major
11 minerals present in Biliran, namely, gypsum, sulfur, and white clay and
12 such other geological materials unique to Biliran; and
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14 i. To preserve by appropriate methods samples of flora and fauna
15 indigenous to the Province of Biliran.
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17 **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
18 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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20 **SEC. 5.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the NCCA
21 shall, in consultation with the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of Biliran, Cultural Center
22 of the Philippines, and National Museum of the Philippines, formulate and issue the
23 rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.
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25 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
26 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,