COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 98

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on Nov 27, 2019
Re: House Bill No. 5644
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1790
Sponsors: Representatives Roman T. Romulo and Eduardo R. Gullas

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture, to which was referred House Bill No. 1790 introduced by Representative Eduardo Gullas, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AS A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. ______, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AS A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1790 with Representatives Gullas, Romulo, Olivarez, Fortuno, Escudero, De Venecia, Bascug, Cari, Espina, Abunda, Panotes, Guico, Tutor, Barba, Castelo, Andaya, Saulog, Bordado, Rodriguez, Fortun, Mangaong, Radaza, Garcia (V.) and Benitez as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5644  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1790)

Introduced by Representatives Gullas, Romulo, Olivarez, Fortuno, Escudero, De Venecia, Bascug, Cari, Espina, Abunda, Panotes, Guico, Tutor, Barba, Castelo, Andaya, Saulog, Bordado, Rodriguez, Fortun, Mangaong, Radaza, Garcia (V.) and Benitez

AN ACT  
DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Carcar City Cultural Heritage Zone Act”.

SEC. 2. The Constitution mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote, and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations. It further provides that all the country’s artistic and historic wealth constitute the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be protected by the State, which may regulate its disposition.

Towards this end, the promotion and preservation of the cultural and historical landmarks that highlight the uniqueness and beauty of Carcar City, including all century-old architecturally significant and historic houses thereat, shall be pursued in the development and management of its tourism industry and cultural heritage and resources.

SEC. 3. The City of Carcar in the Province of Cebu is hereby declared a cultural heritage zone. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the City Government of Carcar and other concerned agencies of the Government, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the conservation and preservation of cultural heritage zones.

As used in this Act, cultural heritage zone refers to historical, anthropological, archeological, artistic geographical areas and settings that are culturally significant to the country.

SEC. 4. The DOT, in coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), the Provincial Government of Cebu, and the City Government of Carcar, shall immediately prepare the development plan involving the preservation, conservation, restoration, and maintenance of cultural and historical sites and structures for the enhancement of tourism in Carcar City: 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 Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known
as the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009."

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the NCCA, the TIEZA, the NHCP, the NMP, and the City Government of Carcar, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,