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, archaeological, 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), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), 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, TIEZA, NHCP, NMP, Provincial Government of Cebu, 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.