

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8133

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BY REPRESENTATIVES DE VENECIA AND ROMULO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 624

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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE EDADES AND BERNAL CULTURAL CENTER AND  
MUSEUM IN DAGUPAN CITY, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution affirms that “Arts and  
2 letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote and  
3 popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic  
4 creations.”  
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6           To this end, it shall be declared the policy of the State to preserve the works of our  
7 national artists and acknowledge their significance in the nation’s cultural heritage.  
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9           **SEC. 2.** There shall be established a cultural center and museum in Dagupan City,  
10 Province of Pangasinan to be named as the “Edades and Bernal Cultural Center and Museum,”  
11 in honor of the city’s distinguished national artists, Victorio Edades and Salvador “Badong”  
12 Bernal. The establishment of the Edades and Bernal Cultural Center and Museum shall be  
13 undertaken by the City Government of Dagupan, under the guidance of the National Museum  
14 of the Philippines.  
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16           **SEC. 3.** The City Government of Dagupan shall provide the land necessary for the  
17 construction of the Edades and Bernal Cultural Center and Museum.  
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19           **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged  
20 against the current year’s budget of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts  
21 (NCCA Proper). Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued  
22 implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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24           **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA, in  
25 coordination with concerned agencies of the Government and the City Government of  
26 Dagupan, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
27 implementation of this Act.  
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29           **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
30 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,