



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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**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,