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GARCIA (V.) AND BENITEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO.98

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

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Carcar City  
2 Cultural Heritage Zone Act".

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

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

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

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

11           SEC. 4. The DOT, in coordination with the National  
12 Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Tourism  
13 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), National  
14 Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), National  
15 Museum of the Philippines (NMP), Provincial Government of Cebu,  
16 and the City Government of Carcar, shall immediately prepare the  
17 development plan involving the preservation, conservation,  
18 restoration, and maintenance of cultural and historical sites and  
19 structures for the enhancement of tourism in Carcar City: *Provided,*  
20 That the NCCA shall approve only those methods and materials  
21 that strictly adhere to the accepted international standards of  
22 conservation in undertaking conservation and restoration works, as  
23 provided for in Section 15 of Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise  
24 known as the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009."

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

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

Approved,

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