



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9607

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

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,