



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6366

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ABUEG, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PERNES, AMANTE, GUTIERREZ AND YAP
(A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 978

AN ACT DECLARING THE "BALANGAY" AS THE NATIONAL BOAT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to promote and inculcate
2 nationalism, appreciation and pride in the cultural and historical heritage of the
3 nation including the national symbols of the country which embody its ideals
4 and tradition.

5 SEC. 2. The "Balangay" is hereby declared as the National Boat of the
6 Philippines. It refers to the prehistoric edged pegged plank type of boat
7 discovered and excavated in the City of Butuan.

8 SEC. 3. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines, in
9 coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the
10 National Museum, the Department of Education and other concerned agencies,
11 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions
12 of this Act.

1 SEC. 4. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter
2 of instruction, administrative order, rule and regulation contrary to or
3 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or
4 amended accordingly.

5 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
6 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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