



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7501

BY REPRESENTATIVES ERICE, DURANO AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 712

AN ACT DECLARING SAN ROQUE CATHEDRAL IN
CALOOCAN CITY AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK AND
SHRINE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM AND
INDEPENDENCE, CALLING FOR ITS PRESERVATION
AND IMPROVEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.* – It is the policy of the
2 State to preserve historical sites, monuments and other relics that
3 represent the Filipino heritage and culture, and which should,
4 therefore, be under the protection of the State.

5 SEC. 2. *Declaration as National Landmark and Shrine.* –
6 Consistent with the constitutional mandate to preserve, promote
7 and popularize the nation's historical heritage, the San Roque
8 Cathedral of Caloocan City, an edifice constructed in 1765 A.D.
9 which witnessed the nation's struggle to attain freedom, is hereby
10 declared a national landmark and shrine for history, freedom and

1 independence to underscore the immense contribution of the
2 Christian faith to the enrichment and vibrancy of our civilization.

3 SEC. 3. *Power of the National Historical Commission of the*
4 *Philippines.* – For this purpose, the National Historical Commission
5 of the Philippines (NHCP) shall exercise supervision over the
6 preservation of the aforesaid site and shall issue the necessary rules
7 and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

8 SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The Chairperson of the NHCP
9 shall immediately include in the Commission's program the
10 operationalization of the San Roque Cathedral as a national
11 landmark and shrine for history, freedom and independence, the
12 funding of which shall be included in the annual General
13 Appropriations Act.

14 SEC. 5. *Fund-raising Program.* – In order to afford the
15 people an opportunity to participate in financing the preservation,
16 reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of the shrine, the NHCP is
17 hereby authorized to organize and undertake a national fund
18 campaign for the purpose of raising funds from private sources.

19 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
20 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper
21 of general circulation.

Approved,