

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7927

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LAZATIN, CABREDO, DALOG, BARBA, BASCUG, ERIGUEL, CUARESMA, OLIVAREZ, ROBES, ACOP
AND REYES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 569

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A HERITAGE ZONE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN
VICENTE, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** A Heritage Zone, as defined and provided for by Article II, Section 3(q)
2 and Article IV, Sections 12 and 13 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10066, otherwise known as the
3 "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009," is hereby established within the Municipality of San
4 Vicente, Province of Ilocos Sur in order to protect the historical and cultural integrity of the area.
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6 The Heritage Zone shall include the cultural properties declared as National Cultural
7 Treasures and Important Cultural Properties as well as National Historical Landmarks, Shrines,
8 Monuments, and Sites, and such other immovable, movable or intangible cultural properties whether
9 publicly or privately owned, as may be designated for inclusion therein by the National Commission
10 for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated cultural agencies, in coordination with other
11 concerned agencies and government entities, including the Municipality of San Vicente, Ilocos
12 Sur.
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14 Within the period of one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipality of San
15 Vicente, Ilocos Sur shall, giving due consideration to stipulations and recommendations made for
16 the purpose by the NCCA, pass a municipal ordinance to operationalize appropriately the
17 management of its Heritage Zone, including all the cultural properties designated as intrinsic
18 thereto, in line with the objectives and provisions of R.A.10066 and this Act.
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20 **SEC. 2.** The preservation, protection, study, and promotion of the cultural and historical
21 integrity of the geographical area represented by the Heritage Zone shall receive priority attention,
22 assistance, and funding from the NCCA and its affiliated cultural agencies, as well as from the
23 Department of Tourism and its attached agencies.
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25 **SEC. 3.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA shall, in
26 coordination with concerned cultural agencies of the government and the Municipality of San
27 Vicente, Ilocos Sur, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
28 implementation of this Act.
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1 **SEC. 4.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this
2 Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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4 **SEC. 5.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules,
5 regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby
6 repealed or modified accordingly.
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8 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
9 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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11 Approved,