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H. No. 7460

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**AN ACT TO
DECLARE THE CITY OF DAVAO AS THE
CHOCOLATE AND CACAO PRODUCTION CAPITAL
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

- 1 **Section 1. Declaration of Policy** – The State upholds as a goal of the
2 national economy the sustained increase in the amount of goods and services
3 produced by the nation for the benefit of the people, and recognizes that
4 expanding productivity is the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially
5 the underprivileged. The State shall promote industrialization and full
6 employment based on sound agricultural development through industries that
7 make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, and which are
8 competitive in both domestic and foreign markets (*Article XII, Section 1,*
9 *Constitution*).

1 Toward this end, the State recognizes the importance of cacao production
2 as a driver of agricultural development and economic progress because of the
3 tremendous potentials of cacao -as raw material for domestic production of
4 diverse products that can Increase the country's export earnings, generate
5 employment, increase incomes of farmers and improve the quality of life of
6 Filipinos in the countryside.

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9 **Section 2.** Cacao and Chocolate Production Capital.—The City of Davao is
10 hereby declared as the cacao and chocolate production capital of the
11 Philippines in recognition of its sterling achievement as the country's biggest
12 producer of high quality cacao and its vital contribution to making the
13 Philippines a world renowned producer of high quality chocolate products
14 sought after by chocolate makers in the USA, Europe and Asia.

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17 **Section 3.** Incentives. — The Department of Agriculture (DA) and the
18 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall provide sustained programs for
19 the grant of financial, technical, training, marketing and other necessary
20 assistance to cacao farmers and entrepreneurs engaged in the production of
21 chocolate products in Davao City and its contiguous localities.

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24 **Section 4.** Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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