HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8831

BY REPRESENTATIVES LACSON-NOEL, ROMULO, ESCUDERO, LAZATIN, REYES, BASCUG, DALOG, CUARESMA, ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, CARI, LOYOLA, ESPINA, LUSOTAN, MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, VIOLAGO AND CABREDO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 775

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HERITAGE ZONE WITHIN THE CITY OF MALABON, METROPOLITAN MANILA

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

SECTION 1. A Heritage Zone, as defined and provided for under Article II, Section 3(q) and Article IV, Sections 12 and 13 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10066, otherwise known as the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009," is hereby established within the City of Malabon, Metropolitan Manila in order to protect the historical and cultural integrity of the area.

The Heritage Zone shall include the cultural properties declared as National Cultural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties, National Historical Landmarks, Shrines, Monuments, and Sites, and such other immovable, movable or intangible cultural properties whether publicly or privately owned, as may be later designated for inclusion by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated cultural agencies, in coordination with other concerned government agencies and the City Government of Malabon.

- **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA, its affiliated cultural agencies, and the City Government of Malabon, in coordination with other concerned government agencies, shall conduct and execute a cultural mapping to determine the inventory of cultural properties for inclusion as well as the metes and bounds of the Heritage Zone. Thereafter, a series of public consultations shall likewise be conducted to review the data that will be collected and to present feedbacks from the undertaking.
- **SEC. 3.** The City Government of Malabon shall, upon the recommendations and stipulations made for the purpose by the NCCA, pass a city ordinance to operationalize appropriately the management of its Heritage Zone, including all the cultural properties designated as intrinsic thereto, in line with the objectives and provisions of R.A.10066 and this Act.
- **SEC. 4.** The preservation, protection, study, and promotion of the cultural and historical integrity of the geographical area represented by the Heritage Zone shall receive priority attention, assistance, and funding from the NCCA, its affiliated cultural agencies, and from the Department of Tourism and its attached agencies.

- SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA shall, in coordination with concerned cultural agencies of the national government and the City Government of Malabon, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

 SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
 - **SEC.** 7. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
 - **SEC. 8**. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,