



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8665

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARI, ROMULO, CO (E.), YAP (C.) AND ROMUALDO

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BAYBAY CITY CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN
THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES
AND OBJECTIVES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a cultural center and museum in the City
2 of Baybay, Province of Leyte, to be known as the Baybay City Cultural Center and
3 Museum to promote culture and the arts. It shall serve as the institutional medium for
4 the protection, preservation, presentation and promotion of the cultural, artistic,
5 archaeological, social, historical, religious and philosophical heritage of the City and
6 its people in view of the richness of their legacies and their relevance to their
7 contemporary and future aspirations.

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9 **SEC. 2.** The Baybay City Cultural Center and Museum shall be a collaboration
10 among the City Government of Baybay, National Commission for Culture and the Arts
11 (NCCA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the National
12 Museum of the Philippines with its concerned affiliated cultural agencies and pertinent
13 academic and private sector partners, and members of the community. A mutual
14 agreement shall be executed which shall provide for the site, structures, governance,
15 organization, operations and development and shall be published within one (1) year from
16 the effectivity of this Act.

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18 The City Government of Baybay shall provide the land, choose the site, necessary
19 for the construction or establishment, or both, and maintain the main venue and ancillary
20 offices and facilities of the Baybay City Cultural Center and Museum.

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22 **SEC. 3.** To fulfill its purposes and achieve its objectives, the Baybay City
23 Cultural Center and Museum shall:

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25 (a) Compile the musical notes and lyrics of Baybay City traditional songs and
26 ballads, modern and contemporary music compositions, and collect samples of
27 musical instruments of Baybay City origin, design, and creation;

1 (b) Acquire and display a varied range of the Baybay City arts and artifacts;
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3 (c) Publish and disseminate the Baybay City literary works, epics, stories, and
4 historical accounts;
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6 (d) Compile Baybay City literature, film, or audiovisual recordings of cultural
7 performances in music, dance, oral literature, and festival celebration;
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9 (e) Compile Baybay City epigrams, proverbs, legends, and the origin, history and
10 etymology of the city, its words, names of barangays, and other places of interest and their
11 respective histories;
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13 (f) Conduct performances on Baybay City music, dances, arts, literary works,
14 epics, stories, historical accounts and legends;
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16 (g) Gather and document Baybay City religious practices and traditions, and the
17 background and origin of Baybay City fiestas and festivals;
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19 (h) Compile photographs of and showcase by appropriate exhibits, Baybay City
20 landmarks, historical sites and scenic views;
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22 (i) Gather specimens of archaeological findings, and collect stones, rocks, and
23 other geological materials, and preserve by appropriate methods samples of flora and fauna
24 indigenous to Baybay City and its environs; and
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26 (j) Carry out any other relevant and appropriate activities.
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28 **SEC. 4.** The DPWH shall construct the Baybay City Cultural Center and Museum
29 in coordination with the NCCA: *Provided*, That the NCCA shall provide technical
30 expertise and assistance to the Baybay City Cultural Center and Museum.
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32 **SEC. 5.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
33 included in the General Appropriations Act.
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35 **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA shall, in
36 coordination with the City Government of Baybay, other concerned agencies of the
37 government, and private stakeholders, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for
38 the effective implementation of this Act.
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40 **SEC. 7.** Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the implementing rules and
41 regulations, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
42 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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