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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 97**

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on NOV 27 2019  
Re : House Bill No. 5643  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 434  
Sponsors : Representatives Roman T. Romulo and Rufus B. Rodriguez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture, to which was referred House Bill No. 434 introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING CAGAYAN DE ORO RIVER AS A CULTURAL**  
**HERITAGE ZONE**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 5643, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO RIVER AND ITS IMMEDIATE**  
**ENVIRONS LOCATED IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF**  
**MISAMIS ORIENTAL A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 434 with Representatives Rodriguez, Romulo, Olivarez, Fortuno, Escudero, De Venecia, Bascug, Cari, Espina, Abunda, Panotes, Guico, Tutor, Barba, Castelo, Andaya, Saulog, Bordado, Gullas, Fortun, Mangaoang, Radaza, Garcia (V.) and Benitez as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roman Romulo".

**ROMAN T. ROMULO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5643**  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 434)

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO RIVER AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS**  
**LOCATED IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL A**  
**CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Cagayan de Oro River Cultural Heritage  
2 Act”.

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4       **SEC. 2.** It is the policy of the State to administer its heritage and natural resources in  
5 a spirit of stewardship for the inspiration and benefit of the present and future generations.

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7       Towards this end, it shall be the duty of the State to conserve the natural diversity and  
8 integrity of the Cagayan de Oro River as well as its sites of historical and cultural importance.

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10       **SEC. 3.** The Cagayan de Oro River and its immediate environs located in Cagayan de  
11 Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental is hereby declared a cultural heritage zone. As such,  
12 it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination  
13 with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the National  
14 Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, and  
15 other concerned agencies of the Government, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations  
16 governing the conservation and preservation of cultural heritage zones.

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18       As used in this Act, cultural heritage zone refers to historical, anthropological,  
19 archeological, artistic geographical areas and settings that are culturally significant to the  
20 country.

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22       **SEC. 4.** Any activity that pollutes, destroys or adversely affects the archeological,  
23 historical, cultural, ecological, and economic values of the Cagayan de Oro River and its  
24 immediate environs is prohibited.

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26       **SEC. 5.** Any person or entity which shall cause destruction to the archeological,  
27 historical, cultural, ecological, and economic values of the Cagayan de Oro River and its  
28 premises shall suffer a fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but not  
29 more than Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) and an imprisonment of one (1) to five (5) years.

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2       **SEC. 6.** The DOT, in coordination with the DENR, the NCCA, the Tourism  
3 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), the National Historical Commission of  
4 the Philippines (NHCP), the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), the City Government  
5 of Cagayan de Oro, and other concerned agencies of the Government, shall immediately  
6 prepare the development plan involving the conservation, preservation, and development of  
7 Cagayan de Oro River Cultural Heritage Zone: *Provided*, That the development plan shall  
8 ensure the conservation and preservation of the Cagayan de Oro River environs and protect it  
9 from threats of pollution, industrialization, and other environmentally destructive human  
10 activities.

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12       **SEC. 7.** The DENR shall conduct and execute a survey to determine the actual metes  
13 and bounds of the Cagayan de Oro River Cultural Heritage Zone.

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15       **SEC. 8.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in  
16 coordination with the DENR, the TIEZA, the NCCA, the NHCP, the NMP, the City  
17 Government of Cagayan de Oro, and other concerned agencies of the Government, shall  
18 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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20       **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
21 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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23       Approved,