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HOUSE BILL NO. 5159



Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a growing need to raise awareness and appreciation of our native craftsmen and traditions, notably for the purpose of this bill, in the Province of Ilocos Sur.

This recognition manifests the fervent goal of the whole province to rediscover and conserve its heritage. Such priceless heritage plays a crucial role in our province's development by generating employment and income, regaining our sense of pride and in defining our identity. We have to raise greater awareness of our anonymous craftsmen and that of dying traditions. Abel Weaving, Laga Basketry, Nadumaduma and Kankanen Ken Mainom are just some examples of vanishing traditions in the heartland of Ilocos Sur.

The above mentioned industries may seem small in its scale and scope but still have a considerable role in rural development and functions as a source of cultural pride and Ilocano identity. Economic challenges and advanced technology have placed these cottage industries to the edge of extinction. This bill aims to create a local council that would develop, preserve, protect and promote the craftsmanships

Approval of this measure is thus earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE CRAFTSMANSHIP AND TRADITIONS OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created/established, a Council that would develop, preserve, protect and promote the craftsmanship and traditions of the Province of Ilocos Sur. This Council shall be composed of the following:

- (A) The Governor Of Ilocos Sur or his representative as Chair of the Council;
- (B) The Members of the House of Representatives representing Ilocos Sur or their respective representatives as members;
- (C) The Regional Director of the Department of Trade & Industry or his representative as member;
- (D) The Regional Director of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or his representative as member;
- (E) The Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology or his representative as member; and
- (F) The Regional Director of the Department of Labor and Employment or his representative as member..

SECTION 2. This Council shall formulate one (1) year after it is created, a Development, Preservation, Protection and Promotion of the Craftsmanship Policy of these heritages and traditions of Ilocos Sur. This shall include but not limited to formulation of a roadmap for the development of these craftsmanships and traditions, technical support mechanisms to sustain these activities, development and promotion of

such activities and the like. The Council shall implement and monitor the measures to enable the Policy.

SECTION 3. The needed funds for the operationalization of this Council shall be initially sourced from the budget of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, the needed appropriations for the continued operations of the Council shall be incorporated in the annual budget of the DILG.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,