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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to preserve the vintage houses and church in the City of Carcar, which is part of the 1st congressional district of Cebu.

Just like the City of Vigan in Ilocos Sur, Carcar boasts of numerous residential buildings constructed during the Spanish era which still stand in the present time to remind the youth of the grandeur and aesthetic splendor of architectural design of the past.

It is hoped that this bill will merit approval for the preservation and enhancement of the cultural, artistic, social and rich heritage of the City of Carcar, Cebu.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby requested.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AS
A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and cited as the “Carcar Cultural Heritage Zone Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. Purpose. - There is need to protect, preserve, conserve and promote the nation's cultural heritage, its property and histories, and the ethnicity of local communities.

SEC. 3. Definition of Term – For purposes of and as used in this Act:

Cultural Heritage Zone – refers to historical, anthropological, archeological, artistic geographical areas and settings that are culturally significant to the country, the context of which needs to be preserved. It includes within its comprehension, cultural space;

SEC. 4. The City of Carcar its premises located in the province of Cebu is hereby declared as a Cultural Heritage Zone. The City of Carcar is the setting of century-old architecturally significant and historic houses, the largest such ensemble in Cebu and certainly one of the most townscapes of its kind in the country. The rotunda, a principal landmark of Carcar, is similarly unique for its design and scope, the province, with the added historic symbolism of marking the encounter with people's movement from Southwestern Cebu and vice versa. As such it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism in coordination with the concerned agencies of government, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the conservation and preservation of heritage sites.

SEC. 5. - The Department of Tourism in coordination with the Philippine Tourism Authority and other government agencies concerned, the Provincial Government of Cebu and the Local Government of the City of Carcar, shall within one years after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the preservation, conservation, restoration and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities which shall enhance tourism in the area; Provided, that said conservation plan shall ensure the preservation and maintenance of identified structures, covering the technical standards for conservation and restoration, the survey, planning, engineering and construction work.

SEC. 6. The Department of Tourism shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of the Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.