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House Bill No. 3207



**Introduced by Reps. CECILIA G. JALOSJOS-CARREON, CESAR G. JALOSJOS
and ROSELLER L. BARINAGA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 4368 which established the National Historical Commission.

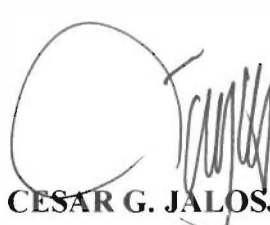
By way of background, Republic Act No. 3811 which created the City of Dapitan, granted among others, to the City Government supervision over "the shrine and relics of Dr. Jose Rizal, namely: Rizal Park at Talisay, the Rizal Relief Map of Mindanao including the whole town plaza etc." However, under R.A. 4368, the administration of the Rizal Park in Dapitan City as well as the Rizal shrine in Calamba, Laguna and Fort Santiago were transferred to the National Historical Commission now the National Historical Institute.

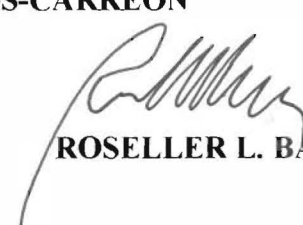
Dapitan City particularly the Rizal Shrine Park was where Dr. Jose Rizal was exiled and spent most of his productive years in the Philippines. To the people of Dapitan, Dr. Rizal bequeath a legacy of dedicated service and a true love of country. It is the unified clamor of the people of Zamboanga del Norte to preserve this rich heritage by actively participating in the restoration/reconstruction of the shrine and other places in Dapitan. This will attract, foreign and local, tourism for Dapitan City. In the end, this return to the local government will unburden the National Government of the much-needed cost in the maintenance and operation of the Shrine.

Finally, this bill will give "meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals." (Paragraph A, Section 2, Chapter 1, R.A. 7160 – Local Government Code of 1991.)

Your support to this measure is earnestly solicited


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4368 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
ESTABLISH A NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TO DEFINE
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AUTHORIZING THE
APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e). Section 4 of Republic Act No. 4368 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the National Historical Commission:

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(e) To identify, designate and appropriately mark historic places in the
Philippines and to cause the construction or reconstruction and to maintain and care for
national monuments, shrines, and historic markers **EXCEPT THE SHRINE AND**
RELICS OF DR. JOSE RIZAL AT DAPITAN CITY that have been or may hereafter be
erected in pursuance of this Act; Provided, however, That the Commission shall enlist
the assistance of the public."

Sec. 2. The Local Government of Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte shall
exercise control, supervision and management of the Rizal Shrine Park, Rizal Relief Map
of Mindanao and other similar parks and places in the territorial jurisdiction of Dapitan
City.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,