



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3987

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Leyte is a province with a very colorful history. As far as the Leyteños are concerned, their forebears were among the first to welcome the Spaniards but they were also among the first Filipinos to resist the invaders. Leyte is one of the provinces in the country where the early seed of nationalism was planted.

It was in Leyte where the first mass in the Philippines was celebrated during Easter Sunday on March 31, 1521. It became a major site of uprising against the Spaniards and the famous landing of the US forces during World War II.

As such, the province has constructed monuments, shrines and other memorials and has developed parks to remember and preserve its historic past.

However, through the years, these structures have degenerated and may be totally lost or destroyed if not given attention and care by the people, particularly the local government officials of the province.

It is therefore imperative to reconstruct and rehabilitate the Limasawa Shrine to preserve its historical significance.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE LIMASAWA
SHRINE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIMASAWA, PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Limasawa Shrine in the Municipality of Limasawa, Province of Southern Leyte, shall be rehabilitated under the supervision of the National Historical Institute.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the provincial government of Southern Leyte under the current General Appropriations

Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the shrine shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

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

Approved,