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House Bill No. **10150**



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REPRESENTATIVE ROMEO M. JALOSJOS, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Dapitan in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte prides in its direct historical relation with our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. While his years in Dapitan were marred with the pain of exile, they were nonetheless productive in that he had an immense impact and contribution to the life of the city. His work particularly his novels have been repeatedly adapted for various art forms such as literature, theater and film. To continue recognizing his legacy in the field of arts and culture, this measure seeks for the construction of a state-of-the-art DR. JOSE RIZAL THEATER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE in Dapitan City, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

The establishment of the first state-of-the-art public facility theater of the arts and culture in Dapitan City will boost the city's growing industry for culture and the arts thereby promoting a deep sense historical awareness and cultural heritage.

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

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1 **AN ACT**
2 **APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (PHP 100,000,000.00) FOR**
3 **THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART DR. JOSE RIZAL THEATER OF**
4 **THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN DAPITAN CITY, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND**
5 **FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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9 **SECTION 1. Appropriations.** - An amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php
10 100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated exclusively for the construction of a new and state-of-
11 the-art building to be known as the “DR. JOSE RIZAL THEATER OF THE ARTS AND
12 CULTURE” in Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte, which shall be implemented by the
13 Department of Public Works and Highways.

14 **SECTION 2. Purpose and Objective.** – The Dr. Jose Rizal Theater of the Arts and
15 Culture shall have the following purposes and objectives:

- 16 (a) To construct, establish and maintain a historical public building
17 facility in Dapitan City for theater, music and art gallery hall and
18 such other building facilities intended for conferences, seminars,
19 concerts and the like;
20 (b) To encourage our people in the preservation, promotion,
21 enhancement and development to our cultural heritage;
22 (c) To encourage various local organization of cultural groups in holding
23 or staging of cultural exhibitions, performances and similar activities;
24 and
25 (d) To discover, assist and develop talents, connected with various

1 cultural pursuits and create opportunities to individuals in the self-
2 expression of cultural affairs.

3 **SECTION 3. *Nature.*** - Its property, real and personal and its operations, shall belong
4 to and be manage exclusively by the Local Government of Dapitan City. Any income that may
5 be derived from the use of this facility and its operations shall be invested for the enhancement
6 of cultural development.

7 **SECTION 4. *Tax Exemption.*** - Any income derived from the use of the facility shall
8 be exempt from all forms of taxation, whatever and from duties and all other imposts on any
9 equipment, articles or goods that it may import from abroad which may be reasonably
10 necessary for the use in or as part of its operations.

11 **SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or sections of this Act is held
12 invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other
13 provisions or sections of this Act.

14 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
15 parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
16 modified accordingly.

17 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its
18 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulations.

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20 ***Approved,***