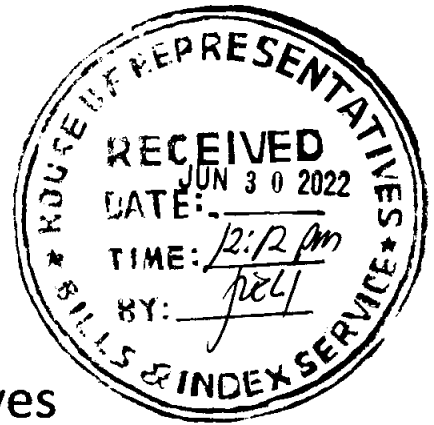




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **30**



Introduced by Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN (INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS) TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S COMMUNAL TRADITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066 OR THE NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines possesses a uniquely rich and diverse cultural background and history. To date, it has approximately 180 ethnolinguistic groups, each possessing its own set of culture, traditions, arts and ethnic practices. These cultural traditions however, are endangered of being lost as modern technology becomes part of the way of life for the younger generations.

There are ways to preserve culture and traditions. The conventional or material-based approach involves the collection and preservation of what has been gathered through explorations or discoveries. The living heritage approach, on the other hand, involves the continuance of culture and traditions through the practice of the cultural heritage. The latter approach gives a certain pride, structure and well-being to the community bound by history and centuries of knowledge, traditions and skills handed down from generation to generation.

These ethnic traditions, however, are in danger of being lost amidst the global development and technological advancement. The youth are drawn to modern technology and material wealth. The elderlies are faced with the dilemma of finding community members willing to carry the cultural heritage.

The growing financial needs also contribute to the dwindling of ethnic communities as their members seek employment and material gain elsewhere.

This bill seeks to protect and preserve cultural traditions by establishing the Institute of Living Traditions and achieve the following goals:

- a) Identify the cultural communities in the Philippines, especially those that need intermediate intervention to assure their survival;
- b) Identify the needs for the cultural preservation of these communities; and
- c) Emphasize the cultural value and relevance of the living traditions so the stakeholders can take pride in their identity and unique contribution to the Philippine Cultural Heritage;

In view of the foregoing, the passage of the bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009" is hereby amended with the addition of a new Article after Section 47, in order to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII

LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN

SECTION 48. CREATION OF LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN (INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS). - THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AND ESTABLISHED A LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN (INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS) WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT CENTER AND LABORATORY FOR THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMUNAL TRADITIONS.

SECTION 49. FUNCTION. - AS THE SOLE INSTITUTE FOR TECHNICAL, BASIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION, BOTH FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL, IT SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (NCCA) FOR POLICY AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITH SOLE

EMPHASIS ON THE TRADITIONAL AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS.

SECTION 50. CONVERGENCE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. - IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS CORE COURSES AND AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, THE NCCA SHALL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

THE NCCA SHALL ENDEAVOR TO WORK WITH PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF ITS FUNCTION AS A CENTER AND LABORATORY FOR PHILIPPINE COMMUNAL TRADITIONS.

SECTION 51. MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS OF LIVING TRADITIONS. - AS AN ATTACHED OFFICE OF THE NCCA, THE INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS SHALL BE IN CHARGE IN THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS OF LIVING TRADITIONS.

52. APPROPRIATIONS. - THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (Php 100,000,000.00) NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE APPROPRIATED IMMEDIATELY TO BE GENERATED FROM WHATEVER SOURCE THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NATIONAL TREASURY.

SECTION 2. All succeeding sections after the insertion of the new provision are hereby numbered accordingly.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. - If for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause- All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.