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House Bill No. **4604**

Introduced by **Representative GIRLIE E. VELOSO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10358¹ (2013) currently designates July 7 of every year as a special working public holiday in the City of Carcar, Province of Cebu, to commemorate its cityhood as “City of Carcar Charter Day.” This celebration marks an important civic milestone commemorating the ratification of the city charter under Republic Act No. 9436² (2007), which converted the municipality into a component city³ effective July 7, 2007.

Recognizing that meaningful civic celebrations thrive on full community participation, this bill proposes elevating July 7 from a special working to a special nonworking public holiday in the city. This change will empower Carcaranons to:

- Fully engage in civic, cultural, and community celebrations, such as landmark project unveilings, state-of-the-city addresses, and cultural activities;
- Honor and amplify local identity through the continuation of festive traditions like the Festival of Festivals and Kasadya sa Carcar, which embody Carcar’s cultural pride through dance, music, and artistry; and
- Foster a deeper sense of unity and local heritage appreciation, providing time for residents to participate in both official ceremonies and spontaneous communal gatherings.

By institutionalizing a nonworking holiday, Carcar City can ensure that its Charter Day becomes a robust, community-centered celebration that elevates civic consciousness, strengthens local tourism, and honors the city’s legacy and forward momentum.

¹ Republic Act No. 10358, *An Act Declaring July 7 of Every Year a Special Working Public Holiday in the City of Carcar, Province of Cebu to be Known as the "City of Carcar Charter Day*, Approved January 09, 2013

² Republic Act No. 9436, *An Act Converting the Municipality of Carcar in the Province of Cebu into a Component City to be Known as the City of Carcar*, Approved March 27, 2007

³ R.A. 9436, Sec. 2

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10358 TO DECLARE JULY 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CARCAR, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CITY OF CARCAR CHARTER DAY"

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

1 **SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10358.** — Section 1 of
2 Republic Act No. 10358 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **"SECTION 1.** July 7 of every year is hereby declared to be a special nonworking public
4 holiday in the City of Carcar, Province of Cebu, to commemorate its founding day and to be
5 known as the 'City of Carcar Charter Day.'"

6 **SECTION 2. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
7 regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
8 modified accordingly.

9 **SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

11 Approved.