

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2826

Introduced by Honorable Jose C. de Venecia, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare June 20 of every year a special non-working public holiday in the City of Dagupan.

Dagupan, after the war, was oftentimes referred to as the "Gateway to the North." The City is also known to be the biggest "tindahan" marketplace of entreport not only of Pangasinan but the whole Region I, with its streets teeming with business day and night.

It was on June 20, 1947 when Dagupan became a city through a bill authored by then Speaker Eugenio Perez which became Republic Act No. 170, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Dagupan. It was signed into law by President Manuel Roxas. The City of Dagupan has emerged as one of the more progressive business centers of the Province of Pangasinan.

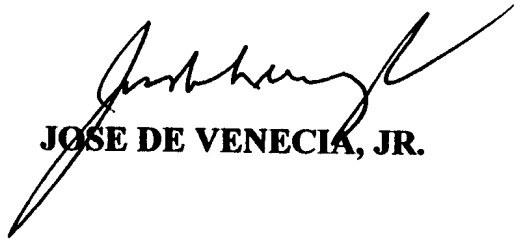
Since its conversion into a chartered city, Dagupan is rapidly on its way to an economic upturn in terms of trade and commerce. It is bustling with even more business activities as people from nearby provinces swarm to the city. Envisioned to maintain its status as the center of commercial and merchandising activities, commercial banks, business establishments, and shopping centers were revitalized

along with the city's central business district, an indication of the strong faith of local entrepreneurs in the economy.

Today, Dagupan epitomizes the contrasting and exciting character of a City on the move, whose face is vibrant, multi-faceted and ever changing. All these reflect the inherent will of the people to be aware of their cultural heritage while moving steadily forward to the future.

To further encourage the entrepreneurial endeavors of the businessmen, to give the residents the opportunity to properly celebrate the date when Dagupan became a city, and to express gratitude to the eminent men and women whose efforts enabled the residents of Dagupan to make their city a progressive and developed urban center, and to strengthen anew the Dagupeño spirit, and thus bring about continued excellence in performance and pride in achievement, June 20 of every year should be declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Dagupan.

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



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AN ACT
DECLARING JUNE 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DAGUPAN

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

1 **SECTION 1.** June 20 of every year is hereby declared a special non-
2 working holiday in the City of Dagupan to commemorate its formal inauguration as a
3 chartered city on June 20, 1947.

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5 **SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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7 **APPROVED,**