

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS )  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. **1890**

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Introduced by Representative Ben P. Evardone

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendatory bill empowers the Local Government Units through their Sanggunian Panlalawigan, Panlungsod or Bayan, to declare local holidays.

Under this bill, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Panlungsod or Bayan, upon consultation with the National Historical Institute and Local Historical Associations, if any, and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), may declare, through an ordinance duly approved by three fourths (3/4) vote of all their respective members, not more than two (2) working or non-working special public holidays in a given year to commemorate significant historic events in the locality.

This is an area of local legislation where the Sanggunian is given the task of identifying the momentous past in the annals of the local government unit concerned, and declare to honor such special event.

Hence, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



**BEN P. EVARDONE**  
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AN ACT

EMPOWERING THE LOCAL SANGGUNIANs, EXCEPT THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY, TO DECLARE LOCAL HOLIDAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. *Naming of Local Government Units and Public Places, Streets and Structures* **AND DECLARING LOCAL HOLIDAYS**, - (a) The sangguniang panlalawigan may, in consultation with the [Philippine Historical Commission (PHC)] NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE (NHI) AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, Change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

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"(b) The sanggunians of highly urbanized cities and of component cities whose charters prohibit their voters from voting for provincial elective officials, hereinafter referred to in this Code as independent component cities, may, in consultation with the [Philippine Historical Commission (PHC)] NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE (NHI) AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

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"(c) The sanggunians of component cities and municipalities may, in consultation with the [Philippine Historical Commission] NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE (NHI) AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

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"THE LOCAL SANGGUNIANs, EXCEPT THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE (NHI) AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), THROUGH AN ORDINANCE DULY APPROVED BY THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF ALL THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS, MAY DECLARE NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, WHICH MAY EITHER BE A WORKING OR NON-WORKING HOLIDAY."

SEC. 3. All laws, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the

1 provisions this Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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3 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at  
4 least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

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6 Approved,