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HOUSE BILL No. 1710



Introduced by Hon. Nelson "Sonny" P. Collantes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 27th day of July of every year as a special national non-working holiday in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC).

The State acknowledges the importance of the INC in providing spiritual and moral guidance to its members thereby helping them to become productive members of society.

Through this bill, the state promotes religious equality by recognizing the foundation day of the INC and giving it equal importance with Christmas day and the last day of Ramadan.

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

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**AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE
IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN THE PHILIPPINES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645**

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

Section 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the "Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia ni Cristo Act".

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to observe the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo every 27th of July in recognition of its exemplary feat of leading its members towards spiritual enlightenment and good citizenry.

Section 3. Amendment to Republic Act No. 9645, to read as follows:

Section 3. *National Holiday.* – July 27 of every year is hereby declared as a special national NON-WORKING HOLIDAY in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,