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House Bill No. 6522



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution puts a premium on the protection and promotion of the right to quality education. As reading is a basic skill learned early on during the formative years of a child, it is best to consistently inculcate reading habits among the youth and impress upon them the correlation of reading and learning. The recognition of the importance of this rudimentary skill can best be given through the declaration of a National Reading Day.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 23rd OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS NATIONAL
READING DAY.**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "National Reading
Day Act of 2016".

SECTION 2. *National Reading Day.* The 23rd day of April of every year shall
be known as the "National Reading Day" to acknowledge the importance of
reading and the value of literature among the youth and to encourage good
reading habits among them.

SECTION 3. *Annual Activity.* Pursuant to the observance of the National
Reading Day, there shall be an annual appropriate activity to be prepared,
organized and implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd).

SECTION 4. *Implementing Agency.* The Department of Education, in
coordination with all primary and secondary educational institutions, shall ensure
the effective information dissemination of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,