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House Bill No. **6079**



Introduced by: Representative Manuel Jose M. Dalipe

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to reintroduce House Bill No. 3976 which was approved on Third Reading during the Sixteenth Congress.

Fundamentally, the proposal of this bill considers and in harmony with constitutional right of every person to freedom of speech and of expression by declaring as a policy of the State the observance of press freedom in all educational institutions.

Declaring July 25 of every year as the National Campus Press Freedom Day is in recognition with the constitutional mandate of the freedom of press and of expression.

Hence, this bill is submitted for its consideration and approval.

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**AN ACT DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the National Campus Press Freedom Day.

Sec. 2. It is hereby declared as a policy of the State to promote, protect and safeguard the freedom of speech, expression or of the press as a constitutionally guaranteed right under the Constitution. In view thereof, it befits the State to declare as a matter of policy the observance of such fundamental right, especially in all educational institutions, both public and private, within its jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. The 25th of July of every year is hereby declared as National Campus Press Freedom Day.

Sec. 4 All educational institutions are hereby mandated to provide their full support and assistance to events and activities to be conducted by students in recognition of the National Campus Freedom Day.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,