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HOUSE BILL NO. 6373

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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

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Campus journalism is important. The campus press provides relevant information to students that help them form their own opinions and make sound decisions. It opens the minds of the youth to the reality not only within their respective universities, but also the society as a whole. Just like their professional counterparts, student journalists play a valuable role in promoting critical thinking and creativity – the very core of a democratic and progressive society.

Recognizing the role that campus press plays in society, this bill seeks to promote, protect and safeguard its constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of expression, speech, and of the press by declaring the 25<sup>th</sup> of July of each year as the “National Campus Press Freedom Day”. It mandates all educational institutions to recognize and provide full support and assistance to events and activities organized by students in celebration of the said day.

With the enactment of this bill, it is hoped that campus press freedom is recognized as a concrete right to be enjoyed by all student journalists and not just a lofty idea with no true application.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.

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

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

1        **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "**National Campus Press**  
2 **Freedom Day**".

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4        **SECTION 2. Statement of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to promote,  
5 protect and safeguard the constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of expression,  
6 speech and of the press. The members of the campus press are recognized to be  
7 important members of the media, and as such, come within the ambit of persons and  
8 institutions protected by the guarantees provided by the State. The State shall,  
9 therefore, endeavor to promote and protect the freedom of expression and speech  
10 enjoyed by the campus press.

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12        **SECTION 3. Scope.** - The 25<sup>th</sup> of July of every year is hereby declared as the  
13 "National Campus Press Freedom Day" and shall be observed in all educational  
14 institutions. All educational institutions are mandated to provide full support and  
15 assistance to the preparation of the annual program of activities and events to be  
16 conducted by students in observance of the "National Campus Press Freedom Day"  
17 pursuant to this Act.

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19        **SECTION 4. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
20 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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22        *Approved.*

