

**Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City**

**Seventeenth Congress
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House Bill No. 7995



**Introduced by Representatives
Estrellita B. Suansing and Horacio P. Suansing, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize and commemorate the founding of the Iglesia ni Cristo, by declaring July 27 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the entire country.

Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), since its founding, has been helping not only their members but the Filipino nation as a whole through various outreach programs and humanitarian activities. Declaring the Church's founding anniversary as a special non-working holiday is a recognition to their significant role in the Philippines.

Declaring such day as a non-working holiday will also allow the members of Iglesia ni Cristo join their brethren in celebrating their founding anniversary.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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 THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IN VITAL RECOGNITION AND
COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO**

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9645, otherwise known as the
“Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia ni Cristo Act” is hereby
amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. *National Holiday.* – July 27 of every year is
hereby declared as a special national [working] **NON-
WORKING** holiday in commemoration of the founding
anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines.”

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
regulations, or parts thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act
are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
Philippines.

Approved,