

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 3521



Introduced by Representative ERIC R. BUHAIN

**AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, BATANGAS TO ALLOW
PARTICIPATION IN THE "PARADA NG LECHON".**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Celebrated annually every 24th of June in the Municipality of Balayan, Province of Batangas, the Parada ng Lechon is a thanksgiving celebration of the Balayeno working class acknowledging the bounties brought them during the last year. It is celebrated in conjunction with the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist coupled with the practice of water dousing.

As the years passed the "Parada ng Lechon" evolved and what was once a one (1) day celebration, turned into a weeklong event coupled with different activities such as sports tournaments, beauty pageants, concerts and other forms of contests, activities and programs, which are held in preparation for the Parada ng Lechon.

Unfortunately, since the date mostly falls on a regular work day, majority of Balayenos could not enjoy the festivities of the "Parada ng Lechon" as they are working.

Recognizing the historic significance of the celebration as a fusion of culture, religion and tradition, as it has been celebrated annually for more than six (6) decades, it is only apt that June 24 of every year be declared as a special non-working holiday to allow a greater number of its constituency to participate in this yearly celebration.

A unique and festive celebration, flocked by both local and national tourists, it has contributed greatly in the recognition of the Municipality of Balayan as a tourist destination, thereby contributing to the tourism industry and eventually contributing to better our economy.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE "PARADA NG LECHON".**

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

SECTION 1. Parada ng Lechon Day. – The *twenty-fourth day of June* of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Balayan, Province of Batangas, in celebration of the Parada ng Lechon.

SECTION 2. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.