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HOUSE BILL NO. **7220**



Introduced by Rep. Anthony R.T. Golez Jr. MD, MBAH

EXPLANATORY NOTE

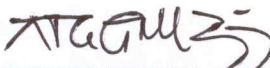
The Iglesia Ni Cristo is one of the biggest Christian religions in the Philippines. Founded by Filipino Felix Y. Manalo in 1914, the Iglesia Ni Cristo plays a very important role in the Philippines as it continues to guide millions of Filipinos.

In 2009, Republic Act No. 9645 was signed into law and it commemorates the founding anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo. The approval of said law is a recognition of the importance of Iglesia Ni Cristo in Philippine society. This representation believes that there is a need to upgrade this recognition by amending Republic Act No. 9645 and declaring a special non-working holiday to commemorate the founding anniversary to Iglesia Ni Cristo.

There are already several laws affording special non-working holidays to other religions. Iglesia Ni Cristo, being one of the biggest religious organizations and having been founded in the Philippines, deserves to have a special non-working holiday for the commemoration of its foundation.

Truly, the contribution of Iglesia Ni Cristo to Philippine society is significant and the spiritual guidance it provides for millions of Filipinos should be recognized and celebrated.

For the Filipino people, approval of the proposed law is earnestly being sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR
A SPECIAL NATIONAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMMEMORATION OF THE
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress
Assembled:*

Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9645 is hereby amended to read as follows;

"Sec. 3. National Holidays - July 27 of every year is hereby declared as a special national non-working holiday in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines."

Section 2. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,