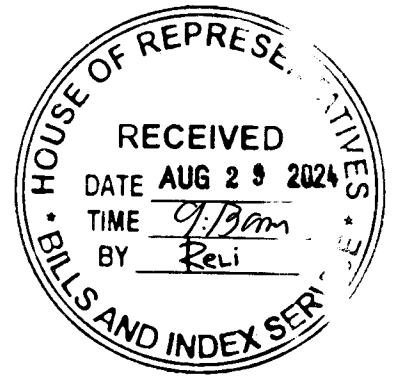




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HOUSE BILL NO. 10842



Introduced by **Representative MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ) is a Christian religion registered in the Philippines on July 27, 1914. It was preached by Brother Felix Y. Manalo from its first congregation in Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila and quickly spread not only throughout the metropolis but also to the neighboring provinces in Luzon and across the islands of Visayas and Mindanao.¹

Ninety-five (95) years later from the date of the Church's establishment in the country, Republic Act No. 9645 or the Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo Act was passed into law. The Act declared July 27 of every year a special national working holiday in recognition of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia Ni Cristo in the Philippines.

Considering that similar measure declaring July 27 a special national NONWORKING holiday has already been approved by the House of Representatives on its third and final reading during the seventeenth and eighteenth Congresses, the undersigned respectfully files this measure in view of the invaluable contribution of the Iglesia Ni Cristo and its members to nation building.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

¹ Iglesia Ni Cristo website; see <https://iglesianicristo.net/about-us/history/>



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

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

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

2 "SEC. 3. National Holiday. - July 27 of every year is hereby declared as a special
3 national ~~working~~ **NONWORKING** holiday in commemoration of the founding
4 anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines.

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6 **Sec 2. Repealing Clause** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
7 instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision
8 of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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10 **Sec 3. Effectivity Clause** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
11 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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13 **Approved,**