



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2015



Introduced by Representative Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes G. Matibag

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 9645, “Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo Act.” Specifically, an amendment (at Section 3) to elevate Iglesia Ni Cristo Day from a working holiday to nonworking-day holiday status.

The Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) is an independent Nontrinitarian Christian church with an estimated membership today of nearly three million worldwide.

In 2009, Republic Act No. 9645 was enacted declaring July 27 a working-holiday to honor Iglesia Ni Cristo’s founding 95 years prior.

While the organization does provide for its members spiritual guidance, community-building efforts based on shared values and the promotion thereof, and programs to promote civil participation, it also contributes equally or more so to society at large.

Contributions include social services and programs for disaster relief, education, and healthcare; architectural contributions that reshape and beautify our national landscape; significant cultural funding and support in our music, arts, and letters; robust environmental activism to promote sustainable practices and conservation; livelihood initiatives accruing to the benefit of church members and non-members alike, and team-sports sponsorship and events to promote physical fitness and healthy competitive values.

In special recognition of these larger efforts – redounding to the benefit of all – do we seek to bestow the honorific of non-working holiday status to Iglesia Ni Cristo Day.

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 NATIONAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

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

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

“SEC. 3. *National Holiday.* – 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. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive
orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions
of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

4 Approved,