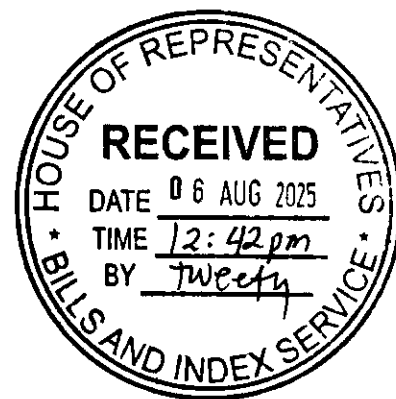


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HOUSE BILL NO 3212



Introduced by Representative CIRIACO B. GATO, JR., MD, FPSO-HNS

Explanatory Note

This proposed legislation seeks to recognize June 26 as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the Province of Batanes, commemorating the rich history, cultural heritage, and unique identity of the Ivatan people.

The significance of June 26 traces back to 1783, when Batanes was first established as a province. In 1879, Batanes became a town under the jurisdiction of Cagayan. It regained its status as a province with the passage of Act No. 1952 on May 20, 1909, reinforcing its distinct identity and governance. Since then, June 26 has been observed as the founding anniversary of Batanes, a date of profound historical significance to its people.

By declaring June 26 as a Special Non-Working Holiday, we honor the historical foundation of Batanes as a province, give due recognition to its cultural legacy, which continues to shape the lives of its residents today, and allow the Ivatans, who are known for their deep sense of community, to fully participate in the celebrations.

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


CIRIACO B. GATO JR., MD, FPSO-HNS

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**AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANES**

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

SECTION 1. June twenty-six (26) of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the province of Batanes, to be known as “**Batanes Day**” in commemoration of its foundation day.

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

Approved,