

TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 4358

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Introduced by Rep. CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.

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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 ACT"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The enactment of RA No. 9645 otherwise known as the "Commemoration of the founding anniversary of Iglesia ni Cristo Act" provided that July 27 of every year is a special national working holiday in recognition of the contributions and participation of the said organization in shaping the religion landscape of the Philippines.

RA No. 9645 was passed as a law evidently to allow the membership of the Iglesia ni Cristo, just like those affiliated with other religious organizations, the same opportunity to properly commemorate the significance of this occasion. However, it being a "special national working holiday" poses a limitation, defeating its very purpose of letting INC members to adequately observe and celebrate the occasion, as they still need to report to work during that day.

Hence, this bill which has been similarly proposed by other representatives and has reached its third and final reading, seeks to amend RA 9645 for the 27<sup>th</sup> of July of every year to be a Special National Non-working Holiday.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** *Amendment of Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9645-* The said Section shall  
2 be hereby amended as follows:

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4                           “SECTION 3. National Holiday - July 27 of every year is hereby  
5 declared as a **SPECIAL NATIONAL NON-WORKING**  
6 **HOLIDAY** in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the  
7 Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines”

8           **SECTION 2.** *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulation or parts  
9 thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
10 accordingly.

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

13           *Approved,*