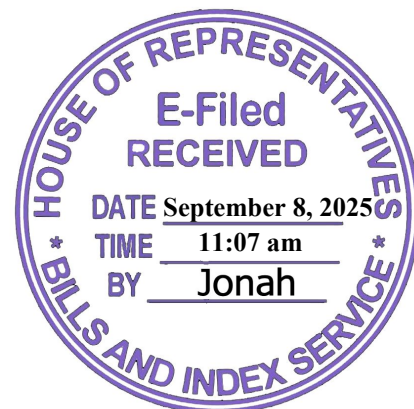


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4399



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Angat is a first class municipality in the province of Bulacan. It has a population of 65,617 (2020 census) and a total land area of seventy four square kilometers.

Angat was originally a part of the Old Pueblo de Quingua, now known as the Municipality of Plaridel. This fact was due most probably to the situation of the Rio de Quingua (Angat River), which directly connects the town of Quingua (Plaridel), a community then located in the center of vast lands, covering plains and mountains alike.

There had been so many stories on how the town got its name, but the legend nearest to the truth is that Angat got its name after the Tagalog word angat, meaning a high piece of land or a community living in a promontory during the Spanish regime. At the arrival of the Spaniards, the people as a whole were at first hostile to the conquerors, but after the complete Christianization of the community, Spaniards gradually befriended the inhabitants. The whole town, however, embraced the Catholic faith, more by force than by conviction. Forced labor was imposed principally on the construction of public edifices, like the church and the Presidencia.

Augustinian missionaries built a small chapel under the Parochial ministry of Paroquia de Santiago Matamoro de Quingua. In 1683 the chapel of Angat was made to a Town Church and the whole Angat where established as a new Pueblo. As a town, nevertheless, the conquerors and the natives formally organized Angat mutually.

Today, still stands and legible, is the inscription at the façade of her church with a Roman Numeral "MDCCXII" translated to "1727" a year indicating the date of the erection the Angat Church's present building. Angat has already Three Catholic Parishes within the town — the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish in Barangay Niugan, the Santa Rita de Cascia Parish in Barangay Binagbag, and the Santa Monica Parish in Poblacion.

Given the interesting events and narrative of her creation, the Municipality of Angat have never celebrated a founding anniversary. This bill therefore seeks to declare October 24 of every year a special working holiday in the Municipality of Angat, Bulacan.

The immediate passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.



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WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANGAT, PROVINCE OF
BULACAN IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE
KNOWN AS “ARAW NG ANGAT”**

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

SECTION 1. **Creation** – This Act shall be known as “Araw ng Angat Act”.

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Holiday** - October 24 of every year is hereby declared a special working holiday in the Municipality of Angat, Province of Bulacan in celebration of its founding anniversary.

SEC. 3. **Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,