

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5886



Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9645 was signed into law in 2009. Said law pays homage to the founding anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo. The Iglesia Ni Cristo is one of the biggest religious groups in the Philippines and was founded by Filipino Felix Y. Manalo in 1914.

This representation believes that the Iglesia Ni Cristo plays a very important role in the country as it continues to spiritually guide millions of Filipinos. As such, it is proposed that R.A. No. 9645 be amended to make the founding anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo a special non-working holiday in the entire Philippines. The enactment of the proposed law is a recognition of the importance of Iglesia Ni Cristo in Philippine society.

Other groups of different religious beliefs already enjoy laws that afford special non-working holidays. Iglesia Ni Cristo, being one of the biggest religious organizations and having been founded in the Philippines, also deserves to have a special non-working holiday to commemorate of its establishment. The contribution of Iglesia Ni Cristo to the Philippines is truly significant and it continues to give spiritual guidance to millions of Filipinos.

For the Filipino people, approval of the proposed law is earnestly being sought.

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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"**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:

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

"Sec. 3. National Holidays - 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. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,