

1 Republic of the Philippines
2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
3 Quezon City

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5 **TWENTIETH CONGRESS**
6 First Regular Session

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8 **HOUSE BILL NO. 7022**
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11 Introduced by **Representative Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco**
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14 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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16 This measure seeks to declare July 25th of every year a special non-working holiday in the
17 Municipality of Sogod, Province of Cebu, in celebration of its annual town fiesta.
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19 The Municipality of Sogod, located approximately 60.5 kilometers north of Cebu, is a 4th
20 class municipality belonging to the 5th District of Cebu Province. With its origins tracing back in
21 1764, Sogod is one of Cebu’s historic towns, having been established as a local government unit
22 under the Spanish colonial government.
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24 There are two enduring accounts of how the town got its name. One version attributes it to
25 a significant religious event, while another links it to a natural geographic phenomenon. Sogod is
26 where the white sandy beaches of northern Cebu meet the black sandy shores of the south. The
27 name is believed to be derived from the Cebuano word "Sinugdanan," meaning "beginning,"
28 symbolic of both its spiritual and geographic significance.
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30 Sogod is home to the St. James the Apostle Parish Church, built in 1843, a landmark that
31 reflects the town’s strong Catholic heritage. Every July 25, the people of Sogod celebrate their
32 annual town fiesta in honor of their patron saint. This celebration is not only a religious tradition
33 but also a cultural cornerstone for the local community.
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35 Declaring July 25 a special non-working holiday will allow the residents of Sogod to fully
36 observe this significant event, strengthen the community ties, and preserve their heritage and local
37 traditions. Making the said day a non-working holiday will likewise, enable residents to fully
38 participate in the festivities, strengthen their cultural identity, and support community-driven
39 economic activities. It also honors the town’s continued growth and its contributions to the
40 historical and cultural tapestry of Cebu Province.
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42 In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.
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47 **VINCENT FRANCO “DUKE” D. FRASCO**
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13 **AN ACT**
14 **DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY**
15 **IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN CELEBRATION OF**
16 **ITS ANNUAL TOWN FIESTA**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
20 *assembled:*
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22 **Section 1.** July 25 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the
23 Municipality of Sogod, Province of Cebu, in celebration of its annual town fiesta in honor of Saint
24 James the Apostle, its patron saint.
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26 **Section 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
27 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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29 *Approved,*