



Republic of the Philippines

House of Representatives

Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Bill No. 11367



INTRODUCED BY Rep. Jennifer Austria-Barzaga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare November 26 of every year a special nonworking holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, in commemoration of its founding anniversary and the annual "*Paru-paro Festival*."

During the second anniversary of the cityhood of Dasmariñas, the *Paru-paro Festival* was introduced as the official festival of the City of Dasmariñas pursuant to Resolution No. 069-s-2011 and Special Ordinance No. 02-s-2011, approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Dasmariñas.

Since November 26, 2011, the *Paru-paro Festival* has been celebrated every November 26 by the City of Dasmariñas to commemorate its founding anniversary as a city. Akin to the metamorphosis of a *paru-paro* or butterfly, the City of Dasmariñas started as a barrio of Imus, Cavite, was declared a municipality in 1864, and was chartered as a city in 2009. Like a *paru-paro*, Dasmariñas City has undergone stages of development and transformed from a simple barrio into a progressive city.

In support of the celebration of the founding anniversary of Dasmariñas City, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 11461, entitled "An Act Declaring November 26 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, and All Its Barangays to be Known as the 'Foundation Day of the City of Dasmariñas.'" Under Republic Act No. 11461, unless the President of the Philippines proclaims November 26 a special nonworking holiday, it remains a working day in the City of Dasmariñas, preventing Dasmariñeños from joining and fully enjoying the founding anniversary celebration.

This proposed bill, declaring November 26 of every year a special nonworking holiday by operation of law, will allow every Dasmarineño to celebrate the founding anniversary and *Paru-paro Festival* of Dasmariñas City and showcase their artistry and ingenuity in the visual and performing arts and other activities. The celebration of the *Paru-paro Festival* symbolizes the City's willingness to embrace change, just like the butterflies.

The declaration of November 26 of every year as a special nonworking holiday to celebrate the *Paru-paro Festival* and the City's founding anniversary is a fitting tribute to the people of the City of Dasmariñas.

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



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WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL
“PARU-PARO FESTIVAL”**

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

SECTION 1. Amendment of the Title – The title of Republic Act No. 11461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF
DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN COMMEMORATION
OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL ‘PARU-
PARO FESTIVAL’”**

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 1 – Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. *November 26 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province of*

Cavite, and all its barangays, to be known as the 'Foundation Day of the City of Dasmariñas' and in commemoration of the annual 'Paruparo Festival.' The holiday shall be observed annually by operation of law, without the need for a separate proclamation from the President or any other authority."

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. — If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions or parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,