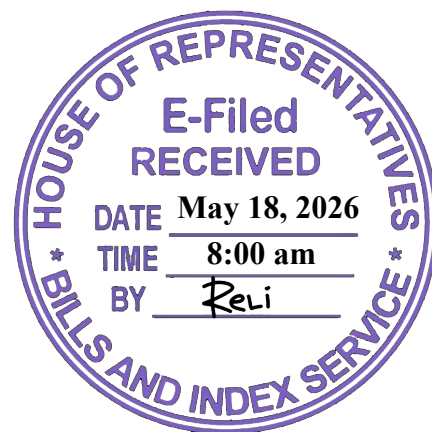




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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 303

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on **May 18, 2026**

Re: House Bill No. 3212

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., MD, FPSO-HNS

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 3212**, introduced by Representative Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., MD, FPSO-HNS, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANES”

has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendments:

1. On line 3, after “found day”, insert a comma and the phrase “to honor its establishment and celebrate its progress and achievements”;
2. On line 6, insert a new Section 2 to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BATANES SHALL ENSURE THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.”

3. On line 12, renumber Section 2 as Section 3.

with Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., MD, FPSO-HNS and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

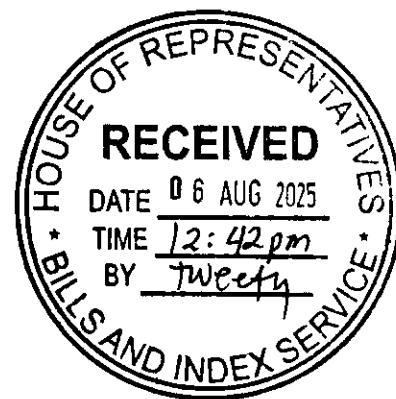

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HOUSE BILL NO 3212



Introduced by Representative CIRIACO B. GATO, JR., MD, FPSO-HNS

Explanatory Note

This proposed legislation seeks to recognize June 26 as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the Province of Batanes, commemorating the rich history, cultural heritage, and unique identity of the Ivatan people.

The significance of June 26 traces back to 1783, when Batanes was first established as a province. In 1879, Batanes became a town under the jurisdiction of Cagayan. It regained its status as a province with the passage of Act No. 1952 on May 20, 1909, reinforcing its distinct identity and governance. Since then, June 26 has been observed as the founding anniversary of Batanes, a date of profound historical significance to its people.

By declaring June 26 as a Special Non-Working Holiday, we honor the historical foundation of Batanes as a province, give due recognition to its cultural legacy, which continues to shape the lives of its residents today, and allow the Ivatans, who are known for their deep sense of community, to fully participate in the celebrations.

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


CIRIACO B. GATO JR., MD, FPSO-HNS

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

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Approved,



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Approved,