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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 304

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

Re: House Bill No. 4395

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Salvador A. Pleyto

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 4395**, introduced by Representative Salvador A. Pleyto, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRTEENTH (13TH) DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, IN CELEBRATION OF THE CASAY FESTIVAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

1. Delete the section titles;
2. On page 1, line 1, delete the phrase “The thirteenth (13th) day of” and insert the number “13” after “August”;
3. On page 1, line 3, after “Casay Festival”, insert a comma and the phrase “to honor its cultural and historical significance”;
4. On the same page, line 13, insert the phrase “in the Municipality of Norzagaray” after “school operations”;
5. On the same page, line 14, delete “the holiday pay” and replace it with “benefits”;
6. On the same page, line 15, insert the phrase “work performed on” after the word “for”; and

7. Lastly, amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

**“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 13 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE
OF BULACAN, IN CELEBRATION OF THE CASAY FESTIVAL”**

with Representatives Salvador A. Pleyto and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4395



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Norzagaray, Bulacan, traces its origins to the old barrio of "Casay," which was established as an independent town on August 13, 1860, through a proclamation by then Governor-General Fernando de Norzagaray y Escudero. The town's original name, "Casay," which is said to be derived from the local bird, the silver kingfisher, holds deep historical and cultural significance for the people of Norzagaray.

In commemoration of its founding and in celebration of its rich heritage, the municipality observes the "Casay Festival" every August 13th. This festival is a vibrant showcase of the town's history, culture, and progress, featuring street dancing, cultural performances, and community activities that foster a sense of pride and unity among its residents.

To formally recognize the historical importance of this day and to ensure its annual observance, this bill seeks to declare every August 13th a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Bulacan. This will allow the people to fully participate in the festivities while ensuring that local businesses, schools, and government services can continue to operate.

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


SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Special Non-Working Holiday.* - The thirteenth (13th) day of August of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Province of Bulacan, in celebration of the Casay Festival.

SEC. 2. *Observance.* - The Municipality of Norzagaray shall lead the appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in celebration of the Casay Festival. The Local Government Unit, the Department of Education, the Department of Tourism, and other relevant government agencies are hereby enjoined to support the programs and ensure the meaningful observance of the holiday.

SEC. 3. *Non-Working Holiday Status.* - As a special non-working holiday, normal work and school operations shall be suspended. Employees who work on this day shall be entitled to the holiday pay provided by law for special non-working holidays.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,



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

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2 day of] August **13** of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the
3 Municipality of Norzagaray, Province of Bulacan, in celebration of the Casay Festival, **TO**
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8 unit, the Department of Education, the Department of Tourism, and other relevant government
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13 work and school operations **IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY** shall be
14 suspended. Employees who work on this day shall be entitled to [the holiday pay] **BENEFITS**
15 provided by law for **WORK PERFORMED ON** special non-working holidays.
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