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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 26, Chapter 7, Book 1 of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, by moving the observance of Rizal Day from December 30 to June 19.

June 19, the birthday of our National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, is a day of celebration of his life and his great contribution to the country's independence from foreign domination. His writings have inspired the Filipino Nation to advocate the ideals of change through peaceful means. Indeed, the life of this great Filipino should be equated with the highest ideals of patriotism.

It is just fitting that Filipinos commemorate Rizal Day on June 19 as a day of triumph of Dr. Jose Rizal's nationalism and patriotic ideals.

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

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AN ACT MOVING THE OBSERVANCE OF RIZAL DAY FROM DECEMBER 30 TO JUNE 19, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7, BOOK 1 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

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

SECTION 1. Section 26, Chapter 7, Book 1 of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 26. Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days. – (1) Unless otherwise modified by law, order or proclamation, the following regular holidays and special days shall be observed in the country:

"a) Regular Holidays

New Year's Day

- January 1

Maundy Thursday

- Movable Date

Good Friday

- Movable Date

Edul Fitr

- Movable Date

Araw ng Kagitingan

- Monday nearest April 9

(Bataan and Corregidor day)

Labor Day

- Monday nearest May 1

Independence Day

- Monday nearest June 12

RIZAL DAY

- JUNE 19

National Heroes Day

- Last Monday of August

Bonifacio Day

-Monday nearest

November 30

Christmas Day

- December 25

[Rizal Day

- Monday nearest

December 30]

"b) Nationwide Special Holidays

Ninoy Aquino Day

- Monday nearest August 21

All Saints Day

- November 1

Last Day of the Year

- December 31

"c) In the event the holiday falls on a Wednesday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday of that week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday that follows:

"Provided, That for movable holidays, the President shall issue a proclamation, at least six months prior to the holiday concerned, the specific date that shall be declared as a nonworking day:

"Provided, however, That Eidul Adha shall be celebrated as a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao."

Section 2. All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.