



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3877

BY REPRESENTATIVES BANAL AND PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 431

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER AS
“ARAW NG PAGBASA”, A REGULAR WORKING HOLIDAY

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as “The Araw ng
2 Pagbasa Act of 2011”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes and supports
4 endeavors that promote reading and literacy, motivate awareness and uphold
5 our Filipino heritage and culture, including educational activities focusing on
6 the life of former Senator Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr., whose role in our
7 country’s history was influenced by great writings of different individuals.

8 The State likewise recognizes the importance of promoting reading as a
9 shared activity among the youth, families, educators and the private sector,
10 thereby emphasizing personal interaction and facilitating the exchange of ideas
11 throughout the country.

1 SEC. 3. *National Holiday.* – November 27 of every year is hereby
2 declared as “Araw ng Pagbasa”, which shall be a regular working holiday, to
3 be celebrated in all elementary and secondary schools in the country. In the
4 event that the holiday falls on a weekend, the holiday shall be observed on the
5 Friday of that week.

6 SEC. 4. *Implementing Agency.* – The Department of Education, in
7 consultation with the National Book Development Board, other government
8 agencies and units, and reading associations concerned, shall plan and
9 implement the activities for the observance of “Araw ng Pagbasa”, such as
10 story-telling sessions and reading skills modules. In addition to Filipino and
11 English, the use of regional languages in the celebration shall be encouraged.

12 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon
13 its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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