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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Chinese-Filipinos in the Philippines have made significant economic and societal contributions to our society in the form of employment generation, community service, trade, volunteerism and socio-economic programs.

Through the centuries, the relationship between the Philippines and China continues to flourish. The Chinese even celebrate their customs and traditions here, the most significant of which is the Chinese New Year. It is but just to help them preserve some of their valued traditions.

In recognition of their great contributions and to further deepen the friendship between our two countries, this bill is submitted for favourable consideration of the Chamber. It mandates the Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this measure declaring the Chinese New Year as a special non-working holiday in consultation with the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT DECLARING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR A SPECIAL  
NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared a policy of the  
2 government to recognize the great contributions of the Chinese-Filipino in Philippine  
3 society and their rich cultural traditions.

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5           **SEC. 2.** *Special Nonworking Public Holiday.*- The Chinese New Year is hereby  
6 declared a special nonworking public holiday in the whole country every year.

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8           **SEC. 3.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*- The Department of Labor and  
9 Employment, in consultation with the Federation of the Filipino-Chinese Chambers of  
10 Commerce and Industry, Inc., shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement  
11 this Act.

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13           **SEC. 4.** *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its  
14 publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

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16           *Approved,*  
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