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**AN ACT
DECLARING DECEMBER 25 - 31 AND JANUARY 1 AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAYS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to institutionalize the observance of long holidays from December 25 - January 1 as special non-working days.

Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987," lists among its regular holidays, January 1 as New Year's Day, December 25 being Christmas Day, December 30 as Jose Rizal Day, and December 31 as a nationwide Special Holiday being the last day of the year.

Excluding Saturday and Sunday, there are only two working days in the eight days affected by this bill. To make up for these two days, this bill seeks to also declare the two Saturdays preceding December 25 as regular working days, to avoid any productivity losses.

The proposed bill seeks to spur local tourism by extending the holiday period to include these eight days, thus encouraging citizens to plan travel vacations with family and friends.

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


Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The eight (8) working days from December 25 - 31 and January 1 shall be
3 observed as non-working holidays. For this purpose, the two Saturdays preceding December
4 25 shall be regular working days.

5 **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any provision herein be declared
6 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

7 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other
8 issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
9 modified accordingly.

10 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the
11 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

12 *Approved,*