

(AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE)

CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8699

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GARCIA-ALBANO, UNGAB, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS,  
PADUANO, ROCAMORA, CARI, BARZAGA, ROBES AND  
NOGRALES (J.J.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 992

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AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL  
[NON]WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DAVAO,  
PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS  
"ARAW NG DABAW", REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACTS NUMBERED 7551 AND 7685

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

1           SECTION 1. March 1 of every year is hereby declared a  
2 special [non]working holiday in the City of Davao, Province of  
3 Davao DEL SUR, to be known as "Araw ng Dabaw", in  
4 commemoration of its founding anniversary. UPON  
5 PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT, MARCH 1 OF EVERY  
6 YEAR SHALL BE A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE  
7 CITY OF DAVAO DEL SUR.

8           SEC. 2. On March 1 of every year, the officials of Davao  
9 City shall lead appropriate and meaningful celebrations and  
10 activities that shall give significance and meaning to the  
11 aspirations of the city's founding fathers, and its glorious

1 history and contributions to national development. They shall  
2 be participated in by officials and employees of the national  
3 and local government units, agencies and instrumentalities,  
4 civic, religious, nongovernment organizations, private companies  
5 and other interested parties.

6 SEC. 3. Republic Act No. 7551, entitled "An Act Declaring  
7 March 16 of Every Year as *Araw Ng Davao*, a Special Nonworking  
8 Public Holiday in Davao City" and Republic Act No. 7685, entitled  
9 "An Act Declaring March 16 of Every Year a Special Nonworking  
10 Public Holiday in the City of Davao, to be Known as "Araw  
11 ng Dabaw", are hereby repealed.

12 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
13 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
14 circulation.

Approved,

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