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SENATE
Senate Bill No. **1381**

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Introduced by **SENATOR LACSON**

AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN
PASIG CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASIG CITY"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 2nd day of July as the "Araw ng Pasig".

The City of Pasig lies approximately on the southeastern end of the Pasig River. It is bounded by Quezon City and Marikina on the north, the municipalities of Cainta and Taytay on the east, the city of Mandaluyong on the west, and the cities of Taguig, Pateros and Makati on the south. A known linguist noted that the word "*pasig*" is believed to have originated from a Sanskrit term which means a "river that flowed from one body of water to another".

As a brief historical background--Pasig is considered as one of the oldest municipalities in the Philippines, as it was founded by the Augustinians on July 2, 1572. On June 11, 1901, Act No. 137 incorporated Pasig City into the newly created province of Rizal where it became its provincial capital. However, in 1975, Presidential Decree No. 824 made Pasig as part of Metro Manila.

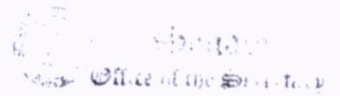
Almost a decade later on July 26, 1994, the passage of Republic Act No. 7829 converted Pasig into a highly urbanized city. On January 21, 1995, the law was ratified by the people of Pasig through a plebiscite. Since 2004, *Araw ng Pasig* has been celebrated every 2nd day of July through Proclamation No. 656, consistent with the day it was founded in 1572.

From a center of trade and commerce during the pre-Hispanic period, Pasig is presently known to be a highly urbanized city with its progressively growing residential, commercial, education, industrial and recreational facilities. It has been recognized by UNESCO and the National Commission for Culture and Arts as an outstanding culture-friendly local government

unit. It has also garnered the Crown Award as a consistent regional outstanding winner in nutrition and earned the Green Banner Award of the Department of Health and the National Nutrition Council as the most outstanding city in NCR in nutrition program implementation and management.

In order to give Pasig City the recognition that it truly deserves, the approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.


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Senator



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

1 **SECTION 1.** – July 2 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in
2 Pasig City, to be known as the “Anniversary Day of Pasig City.”

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4 **SECTION 2.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
5 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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