



S E N A T E

S. No. 2690

PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
WITH SENATORS REVILLA JR. AND LEGARDA AS
AUTHORS THEREOF

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS
THE “ARAW NG PAGLALATHALA AT
PAGTATANYAG NG KASARINLAN NG PILIPINAS”

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as
2 “The Bacoor Assembly of 1898 Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes
4 the vital role of history in fostering unity, national identity,
5 nationalism, and nation-building. It shall ensure that
6 historical dates and events are preserved, promoted,
7 popularized, and made accessible to the public as part of
8 the country’s heritage.

1 SEC. 3. *Special Working Holiday.* – August 1 of every
2 year is hereby declared a special working holiday to be
3 known as the “*Araw ng Paglalathala at Pagtatanyag ng*
4 *Kasarinlan ng Pilipinas*”, in commemoration of the
5 promulgation of the declaration of Philippine Independence
6 during the Bacoor Assembly in Bacoor, Cavite, on August
7 1, 1898, which was subsequently ratified by the Malolos
8 Congress as Acta Agosto Uno.

9 SEC. 4. *Role of Cultural Agencies and the Department*
10 *of Education.* – Cultural agencies led by the National
11 Commission for Culture and the Arts are hereby mandated
12 to promote the historical significance of August 1 and the
13 events surrounding the Bacoor Assembly of 1898.
14 The Department of Education shall develop and implement
15 lesson plans that highlight the importance of this day,
16 ensuring that students are educated about its relevance
17 and importance.

18 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision
19 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the

1 remaining parts or provisions which are not affected shall
2 continue to be in full force and effect.

3 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen
4 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a
5 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,