



S E N A T E

S. No. 2690

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PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
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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,