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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 13 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, by empowering the Local Government Units through their Sanggunian Panlalawigan, Panlungsod or Bayan, to declare local holidays.

Under this bill, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Panlungsod or Bayan, upon consultation with the National Historical Institute and Local Historical Associations, if any, and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), may declare, through an ordinance duly approved by three fourths (3/4) vote of all their respective members, not more than two (2) working or non-working special public holidays in a given year to commemorate significant historic events in the locality.


This is an area of local legislation where the Sanggunian is given the task of identifying the momentous past in the annals of the local government unit concerned, and declare it as working or non-working special public holidays, to honor such special event.

The immediate passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act 7160 is hereby amended and shall read
as follows:

"Section 13. Naming [of] Local Government Units, [and] Public
Places, Streets and Structures, AND DECLARING LOCAL PUBLIC
HOLIDAYS. – (a) The sangguniang panlalawigan, [may] in
consultation with the [Philippine Historical Commission (PHC)]
NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE (NHI) AND LOCAL
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, MAY NAME OR change
the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

- (1) Component cities and municipalities, upon [the]
recommendation of the sanggunian concerned;
- (2) x x x
- (3) x x x
- (4) x x x
- (5) x x x

(b) The sanggunian(s) of highly urbanized cities and [of] component
cities, whose charters prohibit their voters from voting for provincial
elective officials, hereinafter referred to [in this Code] as
independent component cities, [may,] in consultation with the
[Philippine Historical Commission] NATIONAL HISTORICAL
INSTITUTE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY,
MAY NAME OR change the name of the following within its
territorial jurisdiction:

- (1) City barangays, upon [the] recommendation of the
sangguniang barangay concerned;
- (2) x x x
- (3) x x x

(4) x x x

(5) x x x

(c) The sanggunian(s) of component cities and municipalities, [may] in consultation with the [Philippine Historical Commission] NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE, AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, MAY NAME OR change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

(1) City and municipal barangays, upon [the] recommendation of the sangguniang barangay concerned:

(2) x x x

(3) x x x

(4) x x x

(5) x x x

(d) x x x

(e) x x x

(f) x x x

(g) x x x

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, PANLUNSOD OR BAYAN, UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS, IF ANY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), THROUGH AN ORDINANCE DULY APPROVED BY THREE FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF ALL THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS, MAY DECLARE NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) WORKING OR NON-WORKING SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN A GIVEN YEAR TO COMMEMORATE SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC EVENTS IN THE LOCALITY.”

SEC 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation

Approved,