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Senate Bill No. 1193

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Fire fighting is known as one of the most dangerous professions. Firefighters working on behalf of the people of the Philippines are called upon to take extraordinary risks every day in order to protect the public from the dangers posed by fires and other life-threatening situations. Many firefighters have given their lives in the performance of their duties.

Given the enormous commitment which the firefighters in the country have demonstrated repeatedly, it is appropriate to proclaim a memorial day to commemorate those firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. This day will provide an opportunity for all to honour and recognize the important contribution these people made to preserving our safety and well-being.

  
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**AN ACT TO PROCLAIM  
FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

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

**SECTION 1.** Title- This Act shall be known and cited as the "Firefighters' Memorial Day".

**SECTION 2.** The first Sunday in March is permanently designated as "Firefighters' Memorial Day" in the Philippines.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall urge all citizens to recognize "Firefighters' Memorial Day" and shall hold programs and activities in observance of the event.

**SECTION 4.** Implementing Rules and Regulations.- The DILG in consultation with the Bureau of Fire Protection shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

**SECTION 5.** Repealing Clause.- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.