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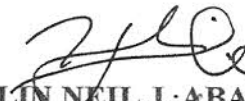
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 13 of Republic Act 7160 also known as Local Government Code of 1991 by empowering the local Government Units through their Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Panlungsod or Bayan, to declare local holidays. Under the 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.

Recognizing the local government units' capability and resources in identifying momentous events in the annals of the local government units, it is but proper to delegate the authority to declare special holidays to commemorate such special event.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15th Congress. The immediate enactment of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of RA 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 municipality, upon (the) recommendation of the sanggunian concerned:

(2) xxx

(3) xxx

(4) xxx

(5) xxx

(b) The sanggunian(s) of highly urbanized cities and (of) component cities, whose charters prohibit their voters from voting for provincials 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) recommendations of the sangguniang barangay concerned;

(2) xxx

(3) xxx

(4) xxx

(5) xxx

(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) xxx

(3) xxx

(4) xxx

(5) xxx

(d) xxx

(e) xxx

(f) xxx

(g) xxx

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), THROUGH AN ORDINANCE DULY APPROVED BY THREE FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF ALL THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS, SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN A GIVEN YEAR TO COMMEMORATE SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC EVENTS IN THE LOCALITY.

SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 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.

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

Approved,