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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill originates from House Bill No. 3976, which was approved on Third Reading in the Sixteenth Congress.

The proposal of this bill regards every citizen's constitutional right of free speech and expression, and for all educational institutions to extend their support to the students' requests in the conducting of events and activities in line with the National Campus Press Freedom Day.

Consequently, this bill is submitted for its consideration and approval.



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AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “*National Campus Press Freedom Day Act.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote, protect and safeguard the Constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of expression, speech and of the press. As part of media, the campus press is an important institution in society that promotes and protects the freedom of expression. As a testament to the remarkable contribution of the campus press in the continued advancement of these freedoms, the State shall, as a matter of policy, promote the observance of July 25 of every year as “National Campus Press Freedom Day” in all educational institutions.

SEC. 3. *Observance of National Campus Press Freedom Day.* The 25th of July of every year is hereby declared as “National Campus Press Freedom Day”, to be observed in all educational institutions.

SEC. 4. *Roles of Educational Institutions.* All educational institutions are mandated to provide their full support and assistance to events and activities to be conducted by students in recognition of and as part of the observance of the National Campus Press Freedom Day.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* 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,