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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is known to celebrate the longest Christmas holidays. Once the "ber" months approach, Filipinos are already in yuletide mode and vacation and bonding moments with the family are already being planned. This makes up the Filipino Christmas spirit.

Under the Administrative Code of 1987, there are four regular holidays from December 25 up to January 1, to wit: Christmas day, Jose Rizal Day, December 31 as a nationwide special holiday being the last day of the year and January 1. That being the case, in a span of eight days, excluding a Saturday and Sunday, four days are regular holidays and only two days are considered working days.

This bill therefore, with special regard to the concerns of the business sector, seeks to institutionalize the observance of the holidays from December 25 – January 1 as special non-working days. To make up for the two days that are normally working days and for the protection of the business sector, it is suggested that any two Saturdays in the month of December but before December 25, at the option of the employee, be considered as working days.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


BENHUR B. LOPEZ JR.
Representative

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**AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 25-31 AND JANUARY 1
AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAYS**

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

SECTION 1. The eight (8) working days from December 25-31 and January 1 shall be observed as non-working holidays. For this purpose, any two Saturdays in the month of December and before December 25 shall be considered regular working days.

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

Approved,