

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 4295**

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**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.**


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare September 17 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the entire Province of Zamboanga del Sur. This date marks the founding anniversary of the province which was created on 6 June 1952 by virtue of Republic Act No. 711, as amended.

Since the province's birth, the people of Zamboanga del Sur have been asking the President of the Republic of the Philippines to issue a Proclamation for the celebration of the founding anniversary of the province. This annual event has become a festivity showcasing the rich culture of the *Zambosurians*. Hence, this Representation believes that a law declaring the observation of such event will do away with the inconvenience it may cause to the national government.

It is therefore recommended that the foregoing bill be approved.

  
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**AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NON-  
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE  
KNOWN AS ARAW NG ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**

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

Section 1. September 17 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur to be known as "*Araw ng Zamboanga del Sur*".

Section 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.