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12 (Government Bill)



Introduced by:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY

“AN ACT GOVERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL HOLIDAYS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 17, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT RECOGNIZING MUSLIM HISTORICAL AND RELIGIOUS EVENTS AND ALL EXISTING MUSLIM HOLIDAYS IN THE ARMM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Be it ordained by the Bangsamoro Parliament, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Legal Holidays Act”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to recognize the observance of regional and local public holidays that preserve and celebrate the rich history, tradition, and cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro and other peoples in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), uphold the rights and well-being of workers, and promote the vibrance and competitiveness of the regional economy.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. –

a) Regular Non-Working Holidays are those national and regional holidays provided by law, which are observed throughout the area of autonomy; and

1 b) Special Holidays refer to non-regular holidays in the region and certain local
2 government units in observance of historical, religious and other significant events which
3 need official proclamation from the Chief Minister.
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5 **SECTION 4. Coverage.** – Holidays provided under this Act shall be officially
6 observed by all private and public offices, private corporations and establishments,
7 government owned and/or controlled corporations, private and public schools, and other
8 institutions established and operating in the BARMM and all offices of the BARMM located
9 outside of its territorial jurisdiction.
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11 **SECTION 5. Bangsamoro Holidays.** – The following regular non-working holidays
12 and special holidays shall be observed in the BARMM and by all institutions mentioned in
13 the preceding section:
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15 A) Regular Non-Working Holidays:

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17 1) Bangsamoro Foundation Day - January 21
18 2) Sheik Karimul Makhdum Day - November 7
19 3) Eid'l Fit'r - Shawwal 1
20 4) Eid'l Adha - Dul Al-Hijjah 10
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22 B) Special Holidays:

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24 1) Commemoration of the Jabidah - March 18
25 2) Commemoration of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the
26 Bangsamoro - March 27
27 3) Battle of Bayang Day - May 2
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29 The Chief Minister may modify by order or proclamation the actual dates of the
30 observance of the regular non-working holidays or special holidays in the region, provided
31 that the same must be consistent with the policy of the Bangsamoro Government declared in
32 this Act.
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34 **SECTION 6. Declaration of Islamic Holidays.** – The Bangsamoro Mufti shall
35 recommend to the Chief Minister the actual dates on which the observance of any holidays
36 that are based on the *Hijri* calendar shall fall, including the celebration of the *Eid'l Fit'r* and
37 *Eid'l Adha*.
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39 **SECTION 7. Proclamation of Regional and Local Special Holidays.** – Any
40 regional and local special holidays, within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, including
41 the special holidays listed in Section 5 of this Act, shall need an official proclamation from
42 the Chief Minister. Such proclamation shall indicate whether a special holiday is a working
43 or non-working holiday.
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45 In case of regional special holidays, the Bangsamoro Parliament, may, by a resolution,
46 endorse to the Office of the Chief Minister that the observance of any historical, religious or
47 other significant event in the region be proclaimed as a special holiday.

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2 In case of local special holidays, the respective Sangguniang Panlalawigan,
3 Sangguniang Panlungsod, or Sangguniang Bayan of the Local Government Unit (LGU)
4 concerned, shall, by a resolution, endorse to the Office of the Chief Minister the proclamation
5 of such significant or historic event as a special holiday.
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7 Nothing in this Act shall preclude the Bangsamoro Parliament from enacting a law
8 declaring the observance of any historical, religious, and other significant event in the region
9 or in any particular locality within BARMM as a regional or local special (working/non-
10 working) holiday.
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12 **SECTION 8. Notice Requirement for Purposes of Proclamation of Regional and**
13 **Local Special Non-Working Holidays.** – For purposes of proclamation of any special non-
14 working holiday, the Office of the Chief Minister must receive a notice and certified copy of
15 the resolution endorsing the proclamation of a particular special holiday from either the
16 Bangsamoro Parliament or the LGU concerned, as provided in the preceding section, at least
17 fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the specified date of the observance of such special non-
18 working holiday.
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20 Any proclamation of a special non-working holiday shall be made at least five (5)
21 days prior to the date of the observance of such special non-working holiday.
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23 The requirements for the proclamation of special non-working holidays provided
24 under this section shall not apply during the first thirty (30) days of the effectivity of this Act.
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26 **SECTION 9. Annual Proclamation of Holidays and Special Holidays by the**
27 **Chief Minister.** – The Chief Minister shall issue a proclamation on or before December 31 of
28 each year declaring the regular and special non-working holidays that shall be observed
29 within BARMM in the next succeeding year.
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31 **SECTION 10. Applicability of Labor Laws.** – National and Bangsamoro labor laws
32 and its implementing rules and regulations on holiday-compensation shall apply to employees
33 in the private sectors within the BARMM.
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35 **SECTION 11. Pretermission of Holiday.** – Where the day, or the last day, for doing
36 any act required or permitted by law falls on a regular or special holiday, the act may be done
37 on the next succeeding business day.
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39 **SECTION 12. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared
40 unconstitutional or contrary to RA No. 11054, the same shall not apply to the validity and
41 effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.
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43 **SECTION 13. Repealing Clause.** – Muslim Mindanao Act number 17 entitled “An
44 Act Recognizing Muslim Historical and Religious Events and All Existing Muslim Holidays
45 in the ARMM and for Other Purposes” is hereby repealed. All other regional laws, executive

1 **SECTION 14. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the
2 completion of its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of
3 general circulation in the BARMM.
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14 **HON. AHOD B. EBRAHIM**
15 *Chief Minister*
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