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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations on 26 FEB 2018

Re : **House Bill No. 7260**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2092.

Sponsors : Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Tinio

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2092, introduced by Reps. Antonio L. Tinio and France L. Castro, entitled:


AN ACT  
DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS  
"PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR DAY"


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7260,  
entitled:

AN ACT  
DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS THE  
"PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL DAY"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2092, with Representatives Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Durano, Nograles (K.A.), Lobregat, Go (M.), Amatong, Salon, Sacdalan, Escudero, Aragonés, Tan (A.), Mellana, Vergara, Abellanos, Caminero, Paduano and Roque (R.) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

  
**RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **7260**  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2092)

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS THE "PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL DAY"**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** February 4 of every year is hereby declared a special working holiday  
2 in commemoration of the sacrifice and bravery of the men and women who fought and died  
3 in defense of the Filipino nation during the Philippine-American war. This holiday shall be  
4 referred to as the "Philippine-American War Memorial Day" or "Araw ng Paggunita sa  
5 Digmaang Pilipino-Amerikano".  
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7           **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on  
8 Higher Education (CHED) shall ensure that appropriate activities are held in schools at all  
9 levels to commemorate the Philippine-American War Memorial Day.  
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11           **SECTION 3.** The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) shall  
12 be responsible for providing the DepEd, CHED, and the general public with the necessary  
13 information to ensure a meaningful commemoration of the Philippine-American War  
14 Memorial Day.  
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16           **SECTION 4.** Funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be drawn  
17 from the yearly appropriations of the agencies concerned.  
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19           **SECTION 5.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the NHCP, in  
20 consultation with DepEd and CHED, shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing  
21 the provisions of this Act.  
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23           **SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
24 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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26           Approved,

**House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

**House Bill No. 7260**

(In substitution of House Bill No. 2092)

As Approved by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on  
15 May 2017 and by the Committee on Appropriations on 11 Oct. 2017

**PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL DAY**

*Introduced by* **REPS. TINIO, CASTRO (F.L.), DURANO, NOGRALES, LOBREGAT, GO (M.), AMATONG, SALON, SACDALAN, ESCUDERO, ARAGONES, TAN (A.), MELLANA, VERGARA, ABELLANOSA, CAMINERO, PADUANO AND ROQUE (R.)**

*Committee Referral:* **COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)**

*Committee Chairperson:* **REP. RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI**

*Committee Referral:* **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (Secondary)**

*Committee Chairperson:* **REP. KARLO ELEXEI B. NOGRALES**

**OBJECTIVE:**

- To commemorate the patriotism and self-sacrifice of Filipino heroes and martyrs which inspired the realization of democratic principles of human rights and of self-respect among free nations of the world

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Declares February 4 of every year as special working holiday in commemoration of the men and women who fought and died in defense of the Filipino nation during the Philippine-American war
- Refers to the February 4 holiday as "Philippine-American War Memorial Day" or "Araw ng Paggunita sa Digmaang Pilipino-Amerikano"
- Mandates the National Historical Commission of the Philippines to be responsible for providing the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and the general public with the necessary information to ensure a meaningful commemoration of the Philippine-American War Memorial Day
- Appropriates funds for the implementation of this Act to be drawn from the yearly appropriations of the agencies concerned

**RELATED LAW:**

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution