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**Congress of the Philippines**

Metro Manila

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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-third day of July, two thousand eighteen.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11163 ]

AN ACT DECLARING THE LAST MONDAY OF JANUARY EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL BIBLE 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 Bible Day Act".


SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State that the government shall aid and encourage development of the moral character and spiritual foundation of the Filipino people.

SEC. 3. As a predominantly Christian nation and the largest Christian nation in the Asia Pacific, this Act recognizes the value of the Holy Bible as the core of Christian faith. The last Monday of January and every year thereafter is hereby declared as "National Bible Day" and proclaim the same as a special working holiday.

SEC. 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations and any part thereof regarding national nonworking holidays which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

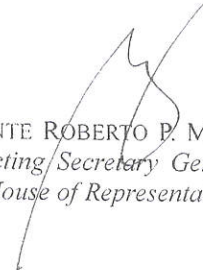
SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.


Approved,

  
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*


  
VICENTE C. SOTTO III  
*President of the Senate*

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1270 on February 5, 2018 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 7544 on October 10, 2018.

  
DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING  
*Acting Secretary General House of Representatives*

  
MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved: DEC 20 2018

  
RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
*President of the Philippines*

