



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3976

BY REPRESENTATIVES ESCUDERO, ZARATE, COLMENARES, TINIO, RIDON,
ROMULO AND COJUANGCO (K.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 83

AN ACT DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “National
2 Campus Press Freedom Day Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
4 State to promote, protect and safeguard the constitutionally guaranteed right to
5 freedom of expression, speech and of the press. As part of media, the campus
6 press is an important institution in society that promotes and protects the
7 freedom of expression. As a testament to the remarkable contribution of the
8 campus press in the continued advancement of these freedoms, the State shall,
9 as a matter of policy, promote the observance of July 25 of every year as
10 “National Campus Press Freedom Day” in all educational institutions.

11 SEC. 3. *Observance of the National Campus Press Freedom Day.* –
12 The 25th of July of every year is hereby declared as “National Campus Press
13 Freedom Day”, to be observed in all educational institutions.

1 SEC. 4. *Roles of Educational Institutions.* - All educational
2 institutions are mandated to provide their full support and assistance to events
3 and activities to be conducted by students in recognition of and as part of the
4 observance of the National Campus Press Freedom Day.

5 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act shall be
6 held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions which are not
7 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

8 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
9 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this
10 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
12 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of
13 general circulation.

Approved,

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