



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6922

BY REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 563

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS
"NATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM DAY"

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

1 SECTION 1. August 30 of every year is hereby declared as
2 "National Press Freedom Day" in honor of Marcelo H. Del Pilar,
3 the father of Philippine Journalism, who wrote under the pen name
4 "Plaridel", and who was born on August 30, 1850.

5 SEC. 2. To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration
6 of National Press Freedom Day, all government agencies and
7 instrumentalities, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the
8 Philippine National Police, government-owned and -controlled
9 corporations, local government units, as well as the private sector
10 shall afford sufficient time and opportunity for their employees
11 to engage and participate in any related activity to be conducted
12 in the premises of their respective offices or establishments.

13 SEC. 3. The Department of Education, the Commission
14 on Higher Education, and the Technical Education and Skills

1 Development Authority in consultation with the Office of the
2 President, government and private media organizations shall
3 lead public and private schools at all levels in organizing
4 consciousness-raising activities on the importance of the press,
5 their rights and social responsibilities, and the elimination of all
6 forms of violence against the press.

7 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper
9 of general circulation.

Approved,

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