



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7210

BY REPRESENTATIVES SANTOS, MACEDA AND DALIPE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 322

**AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS “NATIONAL RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM APPRECIATION DAY” IN CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD INTERFAITH
HARMONY WEEK OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** February 7 of every year is hereby declared as “National Religious Freedom
2 Appreciation Day” in celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week of the United
3 Nations.
- 4 **SEC. 2.** It is the declared policy of the State to allow and guard the fundamental right of
5 every person to the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship
6 under Section 5, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Accordingly, the constitutional right of
7 every Filipino to profess, practice and propagate religious beliefs must always be
8 recognized, respected and allowed except in cases where there is clear, grave and
9 present danger or threat detrimental to a person’s right to life, liberty, or property, public
10 interest, or security.
- 11 **SEC. 3.** To ensure the significance of the National Religious Freedom Appreciation Day,
12 the Council on Interfaith Initiatives under the Office of the President shall, within sixty (60)
13 days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate rules and regulations for the effective
14 implementation of this Act.

- 1 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the *Official*
- 2 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,