



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.), VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO, CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 926

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AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AN  
ECOTOURISM ZONE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Rizal, Province of Laguna, is hereby declared an  
2 ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism  
3 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

4           **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination  
5 with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned  
6 agencies of the government, shall prepare a development plan that shall include the  
7 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that  
8 shall enhance ecotourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
9 preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

10           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development  
11 plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar  
12 year.

13           **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the  
14 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General

1 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the  
2 DOT.

3 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall promulgate  
4 the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

5 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
6 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7 *Approved,*