

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8944

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARAGONES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 828

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALAMINOS, 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 Alaminos, Province of Laguna, is hereby declared
2 an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
3 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism
4 zones.

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

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

also include the Municipality of Alaminos in all its national, regional and local promotions programs.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the Department.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and the municipal government of Alaminos, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

Approved.