Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on 8944
Re: House Bill No. 8944
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7564
Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7564, introduced by Representative Sol Aragones, entitled:

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

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8944, entitled:

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

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7564 with Representative Sol Aragones as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

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House Bill No. 8944
(In substitution of House Bill No. 7564)

Introduced by Representative Sol Aragones

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

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

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

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and 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.