COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 838

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAR 10 2021
Re : House Bill No. 8965
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2640
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nogales

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2640, introduced by Representative Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nogales, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING WAWA DAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8965, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING WAWA DAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8965
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2640)

Introduced by Representatives Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles, Sol Aragones, Alfie M. Bascug,
Juliette T. Uy, Micaela S. Violago, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Fernando T. Cabredo, Arnold “Noli”
D. Celeste, and Irene Gay F. Saulog

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

SECTION 1. The Wawa Dam located in Municipality of Rodriguez, Province of Rizal,
is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by
the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
development of ecotourism destinations. The DOT shall likewise establish a tourism center to
be known as the Wawa Dam Tourism Center.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with
the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works
and Highways, Department of the Interior and Local Government, other concerned government
agencies, local government units (LGUs) and civil society organizations, shall prepare a tourism
development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance, develop and promote ecotourism in the area, and
improve accessibility and ensure the security of tourists: Provided, That said development plan
shall ensure the preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of available assets and
resources in the area.

SEC. 3. The DOT, in coordination with the DENR and all concerned government agencies
and LGUs, shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan that will fit the natural
features of the Wawa Dam and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Wawa Dam 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, shall promulgate
the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees
and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or
invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

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