Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5264, introduced by Representative Sol Aragones, entitled:

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

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9277, entitled:

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


Respectfully submitted,

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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 Rizal, 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 (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a 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 of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

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

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
Propriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
DOT.

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

Approved,