Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5266, introduced by Representative Sol Aragones, entitled:

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

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9352, entitled:

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


Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
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House Bill No. 9352  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5266)  

Introduced by Representatives Sol Aragones, Alfel M. Bascug, Juliette T. Uy,  
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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 Municipality of Victoria, 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 the 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  

Appropriations 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,