



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8967

BY REPRESENTATIVES NOGRALES (J.F.F.), ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.), VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO,
CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 840

**AN ACT
DECLARING REGINA RICA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY,
PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Regina Rica, a scenic complex located in the Municipality of Tanay,
2 Province of Rizal, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall
3 be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing
4 the development of ecotourism destinations. The DOT shall prioritize the establishment of a
5 tourism center in the area, to be known as the Regina Rica Tourism Center.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with
7 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and
8 Highways, Department of the Interior and Local Government, other concerned government
9 agencies, local government units (LGUs) and civil society organizations, shall prepare a tourism
10 development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
11 facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance, develop and promote ecotourism in the area,

1 improve its accessibility, and ensure the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development
2 plan shall guarantee the preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of assets and resources
3 available therein.

4 **SEC. 3.** The DOT, in coordination with the DENR and concerned government agencies
5 and LGUs, shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan that will fit the natural
6 features of the Regina Rica and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
7 ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Regina Rica in all its national, regional and local
8 promotions programs.

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

13 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall promulgate
14 the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

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

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

22 Approved,