

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 7564



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Alaminos in the Province of Laguna is a 3rd class municipality in the province of Laguna, Philippines. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 47,859 people.

The simple and small town of Alaminos, Laguna has blossomed into an up and coming tourist destination south of Manila. Throughout the years, the natural springs, rivers and caves in the town have been gaining popularity for tourists and adventurers.

This proposal seeks to declare the Municipality of Alaminos as an ecotourism zone and appropriate funds for the purpose. With the proposal to develop Alaminos into an ecotourism zone, we hope to generate economic growth by providing employment opportunities through tourism activities among the residents of the municipality. Other tourism related industries will also spur further economic development in the area by providing local employment opportunities through hotels, resorts, restaurants, transportation services, souvenir shops, among others.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

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

6 **SECTION 1.** *Declaring Alaminos, Laguna as an Ecotourism Zone.* - The
7 Municipality of Alaminos, Province of Laguna is hereby declared as an ecotourism zone. As
8 such, priority development of the Municipality of Alaminos shall be made by the Department
9 of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the
10 development of tourist zone.

11 **SECTION 2.** *Role of Agencies.* - The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism
12 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the
13 government, shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare the
14 development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such
15 appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the area: Provided,
16 that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical
17 significance thereof.

1 **SECTION 3. *Secretary of Tourism.*** - The Secretary of Tourism shall take immediate
2 steps to implement the said development plan and incorporate the same in the overall tourism
3 development program of the Department for the ensuing calendar year.

4 **SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Secretary of Tourism shall
5 issue the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

6 **SECTION 5. *Appropriations.*** - The amount needed for the immediate
7 implementation of this Act is hereby appropriated from the funds of the National Treasury
8 not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter sum as maybe needed for the continued
9 implementation, operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General
10 Appropriation Act.

11 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** - This act shall take effect upon its approval.

12 *Approved.*