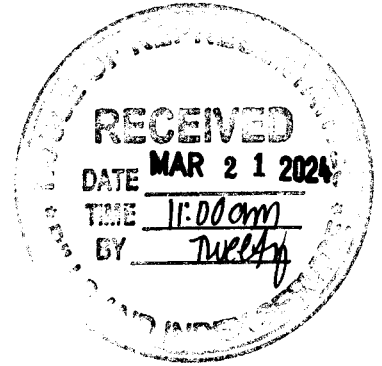




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10225



Introduced by Representative Arthur F. Celeste

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Hundred Island National Park (HINP) in the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan a tourism zone under the administration, management, maintenance and operation of the City Government of Alaminos City, Pangasinan.

On January 18, 1940, President Manuel L. Quezon issued Presidential Proclamation No. 667 declaring the group of islands in the Municipality [now City] of Alaminos, Pangasinan as “Hundred Islands National Park” (HINP) with the astounding purpose of benefiting and providing enjoyment to the people of the Philippines.

On June 22, 1962, President Diosdado P. Macapagal signed Republic Act No. 3655 creating Hundred Islands Conservation and Development Authority (HICDA), for the conservation, development and management of HINP.

In 1974, President Ferdinand E. Marcos transferred the management of HINP including Lucap Bay from HICDA to the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 564.

On April 27, 1982, President Ferdinand E. Marcos issued Proclamation No. 2183 which declared the HINP including Lucap Bay and its foreshore areas, beginning from Sitio Telbang to the East of Sitio Recudo to the West as Tourist Zone and Marine Reserve under the control and administration of PTA.

On June 21, 2005, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 436 which transferred the administration, management, maintenance, and operation from the PTA to the City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan pursuant to RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of

1991, that encourages the transfer of power and authority from the National Government to the Local Government Unit, in line with the government's devolution program as mandated by the Constitution.

On September 29, 2005, the PTA formally turned over the administration, management, maintenance, and operation of the HINP to the City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan.

Thereafter, various developments in HINP were introduced to make it as top tourist destination in Region 1. As a result, tourist arrivals increased tremendously as well as revenues for LGU-Alaminos City.

Economy in the City started to boom thereby benefitting thousands of Alaminians who ventured into tourism related business. Various hotels, resorts, and restaurants were built in the City to accommodate tourists who wanted to experience the beauty of HINP.

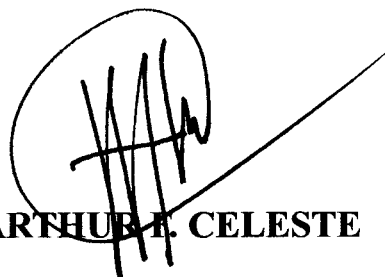
Despite these developments in the HINP, protection of HINP remained to be the top priority of the City Government of Alaminos City, thus it has also formulated and crafted measures to protect the HINP from exploitation and abuse, thereby ensuring the preservation of its natural resources and environment.

On May 12, 2009, R.A. No. 9593, otherwise known as "The Tourism Act of 2009" was enacted and provided, among others, Rationalization of Tourism Areas, Zones and Spots.

When Presidents Manuel L. Quezon and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued their respective proclamations, there was no legislation from Congress that declared it as tourism zone.

Consequently, this bill aims to formalize the objectives of said former presidents by declaring HINP as a tourism zone pursuant to the provisions of R.A. No. 9593.

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



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AN ACT

DECLARING THE HUNDRED ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK (HINP) IN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN A TOURISM ZONE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF ALAMINOS CITY, PANGASINAN

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as “**An Act Declaring the Hundred Islands National Park (HINP) in the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan a Tourism Zone under the Administration, Management, Maintenance and Operation of the City Government of Alaminos City, Pangasinan.**”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Hundred Islands National Park as a Tourism Zone.* Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 667, issued on January 18, 1940, by President Manuel L. Quezon and Executive Order No. 436, issued on June 21, 2005, by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Hundred Islands National Park (HINP) in the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan is hereby declared a tourism zone.

SECTION 3. *Control and Supervision.* The City Government of Alaminos shall have full control of administration, supervision, management, maintenance and operation of the HINP.

SECTION 4. *Creation of HINP Management Board.* Within a year from the approval of this Act, an HINP Management Board (HINP-MB) shall be created which will serve as policy maker for HINP. The HINP-MB shall be chaired by the City Mayor of Alaminos City, Pangasinan and a representative

from the Department of Tourism shall be designated as Vice Chairman. The membership of the board shall be composed of the following:

- a. Congressman of the first district of Pangasinan or his representative;
- b. Governor of Pangasinan or his representative;
- c. One (1) representative from the Sangguniang Panlungsod,
- d. ten (10) Punong Barangays from the barangays within the coastal area of the HINP;
- e. One (1) representative from DA-BFAR, NEDA and Office of Civil Defense;
- f. Three (3) from the non-governmental organization;
- g. One (1) from the private sector within the geographical jurisdiction of the HINP;
- h. One (1) from the local colleges or universities in Alaminos City.

SECTION 5. *Revenues.* All revenues and collections generated from the operation of the HINP shall accrue to the treasury of the City Government of Alaminos and shall be used solely for the management, maintenance, operation and development of the HINP.

SECTION 6. *DENR's Oversight Function.* The DENR shall oversee the implementation and compliance to environmental laws at the HINP.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* If any provisions of this Act shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation. It shall also be published online, through the Official Gazette Online (www.officialgazette.gov.ph).

Approved,