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House Bill No. **5263**



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**Introduced by Representative Sol Aragones**

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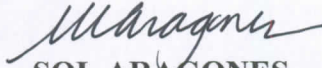
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Municipality of Nagcarlan in the Province of Laguna is a 2nd class municipality in the province of Laguna, Philippines. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 63,057 people.

As a tourist destination, Nagcarlan is home to a historical underground cemetery, beautiful antique churches, cold spring resorts and falls. The town's historic importance combined with its natural resources helped bolster its tourism throughout the years, providing livelihood and leisure for its residents and tourists. In order to further improve the industry, provide more livelihood to its citizens and push the town towards positive and sustainable development, measures to protect the town's natural resources must be implemented.

This proposal seeks to declare the Municipality of Nagcarlan as an ecotourism zone and appropriate funds for the purpose. With the proposal to develop Nagcarlan 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 NAGCARLAN, 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 Congress*  
5     *assembled:*

6     **SECTION 1.** *Declaring Nagcarlan, Laguna as an Ecotourism Zone.* - The  
7     Municipality of Nagcarlan, Province of Laguna is hereby declared as an ecotourism zone. As  
8     such, priority development of the Municipality of Nagcarlan shall be made by the Department  
9     of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development  
10    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 government,  
13    shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan  
14    involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and  
15    infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the area: Provided, that said development plan  
16    shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance thereof.

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

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

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

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

6           *Approved.*