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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 966

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on May 18, 2021
Re : House Bill No. 9351
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5262
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragoness and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5262, introduced by Representative Sol Aragoness, entitled:

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

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9351, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, A FARM
TOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5262 with Representatives Sol Aragoness, Alfel M. Bascug, Juliette T. Uy, Micaela S. Violago, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Fernando T. Cabredo, Arnold “Noli” D. Celeste and Irene Gay F. Saulog as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. 9351
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5262)

Introduced by Representatives Sol Aragon, Alfel M. Bascug, Juliette T. Uy,
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and Irene Gay F. Saulog

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FARM TOURISM 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 Municipality of Calauan, Province of Laguna, is hereby declared a
2 farm tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
3 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of farm
4 tourism destinations pursuant to Republic Act No. 10816, otherwise known as the “Farm
5 Tourism Development Act of 2016”.

6 **Sec. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
7 with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned
8 agencies of the government, shall prepare a development plan that shall include the
9 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that
10 shall enhance farm tourism in the area: *Provided, That* said development plan shall ensure the
11 preservation of the natural beauty and resources in the area.

12 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and
13 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

1 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
2 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
3 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
4 Department.

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

7 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
8 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9 Approved,