Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session  

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 568  

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on OCT 22 2020  
Re : House Bill No. 7917  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3292  

Mr. Speaker:  

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Bill No. 3292, introduced by Rep. Adolf Edward G. Plaza, entitled:  

AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE GOLDEN TARA  

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7917, entitled:  

AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE GOLDEN TARA  


Respectfully submitted,  

[Signature]  
REP. SOL ARAGONES  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism  

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
QUEZON CITY
AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE GOLDEN TARA

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to preserve and promote historical and cultural artifacts.

The Province of Agusan del Sur is hereby declared as the Home of the Golden Tara, a 21-karat gold statuette of a female Hindu deity that dates back to the 9th-10th centuries and was found in 1917 on the banks of the Wawa River in the Municipality of Esperanza, Province of Agusan del Sur. Presently on display in the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, United States of America, it is considered a testament to the rich cultural heritage of Agusan del Sur and to its fine crafting tradition that already existed during pre-colonial times.

Sec. 2. The Department of Tourism (DOT) shall feature the Golden Tara and the rich cultural heritage of Agusan del Sur in the Department’s overall tourism promotion program.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,