

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 567

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on OCT 20 2020  
Re : House Bill No. 7905  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5770  
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones and Michael B. Gorriceta

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism to which was referred House Bill No. 5770, introduced by Representative Michael B. Gorriceta, entitled:

**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS "NATIONAL GOLF TOURISM YEAR" IN THE  
ENTIRE COUNTRY**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7905, entitled:

**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS "NATIONAL GOLF TOURISM YEAR" IN THE  
PHILIPPINES**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5770, with Representatives Michael B. Gorriceta, Sol Aragones, 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. SOL ARAGONES**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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Introduced by Representatives Michael B. Gorriceta, Sol Aragonese, Alfel M. Bascug,  
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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS “NATIONAL GOLF TOURISM YEAR” IN THE**  
**PHILIPPINES**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The year 2020 is declared as “National Golf Tourism Year” in the  
2 Philippines, in recognition of the growing interest in the sport, the world-class and unique  
3 golf courses and enclaves located all over the country, and the potential benefits expected as  
4 golf turns to be a major niche in sports tourism. Due to its potentially large economic  
5 trickle-down effect, golf is likewise recognized as a high value sport.

6           **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Tourism shall, in coordination with  
7 concerned agencies of the government, local government units and recognized golf clubs in  
8 the Philippines, spearhead the celebration of “National Golf Tourism Year” throughout the  
9 country, to encourage the development of golf tourism and enhance its popularity among  
10 sports enthusiasts.

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

Approved,

**House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

**House Bill No. 7905**

(In substitution of House Bill no. 5770)

**AN ACT**

**DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS “NATIONAL GOLF TOURISM YEAR”**

*Introduced by:* Rep. Michael B. Gorriceta

*Committee Referral:* Committee on Tourism

*Chairperson:* Rep. Sol Aragones

**OBJECTIVE:**

To encourage the development of golf as a niche of sports tourism in the country, enhance its popularity among sports enthusiasts in order to promote the Philippines as a premiere golf tourism destination.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Declare the year 2020 as “National Golf Tourism Year” in recognition of the growing interest in golf as a major sports tourism activity, and the world-class and unique golfing courses and enclaves located all over the country;
- Enhance the potential benefits that can be derived from golf, which is recognized as a high value sport that can have a large trickle-down effect to the economy.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act NO 9593, or the “Tourism Act of 2009”