

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1839



Introduced by **Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" G. Plaza**

Explanatory Note

It is the declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

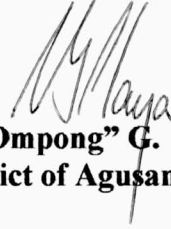
This bill aims to attain the objective of the foregoing policy for the people of Agusan del Sur through the institutionalization of local livelihood programs which is vital in eradicating poverty. Through the creation of a handicraft cottage industry skills training center in the province, the government can promote employment which will surely improve the quality of life of the people in the province of Agusan del Sur.

Agusan del Sur has rich natural resources which can be utilized and can be used as sources of livelihood. It has abundant forest resources like rattan, timber, gubas, and fuelwood. Basically an agricultural province, it also enjoys an abundance of fruits and fishery products. However, people lack the skills to maximize the said raw materials of the province. It is therefore imperative that the government provide the initial support, training, and assistance to the people.

The immediate establishment of the Center shall provide institutional and funding support which are necessary to ensure the implementation of the livelihood programs of the government in the province of Agusan del Sur.

It is of strategic importance to develop and vitalize the handicraft and cottage industry sector in the province of Agusan del Sur to help upgrade the standard of living of the people and to accelerate growth in this depressed province where most of the municipalities are classified as 4th, 5th, and 6th class towns.

Thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodolfo Plaza', written over the printed name.

Rodolfo "Ompong" G. Plaza
Lone District of Agusan del Sur

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A HANDICRAFT AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING
CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), a Handicraft and Cottage Industry Training Center in the Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur.

SECTION 2. The amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P1,500,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of the funds from the National Treasury otherwise appropriated for the implementation of the provisions of this Act. Thereafter, the sum necessary for the maintenance of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,