

Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 137

Introduced by **Representative JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

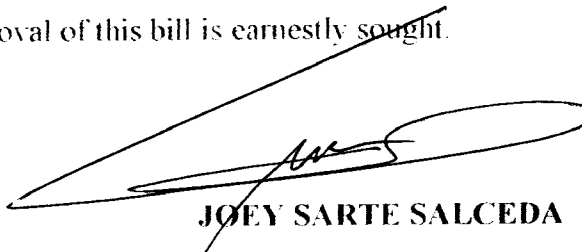
This bill seeks to convert the Guinobatan-Jovellar-Donsol Provincial Road, currently named as Gen. Simeon Ola Road, in the Third District of Albay into a national road.

Infrastructure development remains to be a critical factor in supporting the nascent growth of agriculture and small and medium industries in the Third District of Albay. Years of government neglect, aggravated by policy and political indifference, offers little comfort to problem of worsening condition of roads in this part of Albay.

The Guinobatan-Jovellar-Donsol Road is a 16.30-kilometer stretch which links the municipalities of Guinobatan and Jovellar in the Province of Albay and Donsol in the Province of Sorsogon. This road is vital in facilitating trade and commerce in the area and into the urban centers.

To provide ready funds for the improvement, periodic repair and maintenance of these roads, this measure converts the Guinobatan-Jovellar-Donsol Provincial Road into a national road to serve the best interests of the people of the Third District of Albay as well as the nearby areas of the province.

Given the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUINOBATAN – JOVELLAR – DONSOL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Guinobatan – Jovellar – ~~Donsol~~ Provincial Road in the Third District of the Province of Albay is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,