

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. 232

Introduced by **HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ D. DADIVAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the 1.5 kilometer Barangay Bato Road in Barangay Bato, Panay, Capiz in the 1st District of Capiz into a national road.

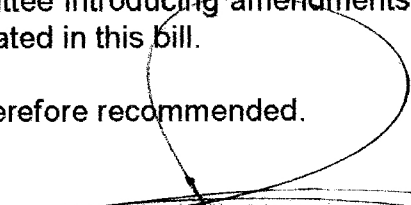
Barangay Bato in the Municipality of Panay, Province of Capiz is a big producer of some of the main products of Panay such as copra, root crops, vegetables and palay. The big volume of agricultural products provides livelihood income to majority of the residents in the area and sustains their basic need and financial concerns.

In marketing their products, farmers in this Barangay got to the public markets of Roxas City and other nearby towns passing through the stretch of rough road known as the Barangay Bato Road. The inconvenience and discomfort caused by the rough conditions of this road, however, have become the subject of the complaints for these farmers and also others who unavoidably pass through this road.

This bill therefore seeks to convert the Barangay Bato Road into a national road to ensure its proper maintenance given the availability of equipment and the capability of the national government to provide ready funds for this purpose.

This measure is subsequent to the version which was filed during the Twelfth Congress. The said version has already undergone committee review in the House of Representatives, with the committee introducing amendments to the bill. Such amendments were already encapsulated in this bill.

The immediate approval of this bill is therefore recommended.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING BRGY. BATO ROAD IN BARANGAY BATO PANAY,
CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The 1.5 kilometer Barangay Bato Road in Barangay Bato, Panay, Capiz is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

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

Approved,