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House of Representatives
Quezon City

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House Bill No. **238**

Introduced by **HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ D. DADIVAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

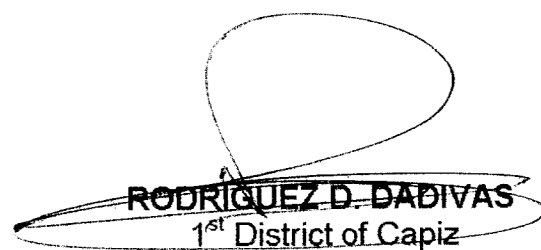
This bill seeks to convert the 8.9-kilometer Roxas City-Cagay-Sibaguan-Balijuagan-Cudian-Ivisan Provincial Road in Roxas City and the Municipality of Ivisan, Province of Capiz into a National Road. This road network connects Roxas City to the municipalities in the 2nd District of Capiz, namely Ivisan, Sigma, Sapián, Mambusao, Jamindan, Dao, Cuartero, Dumarao, Dumalag, and Tapaz. It likewise links up with the highway connecting the city to the provinces of Iloilo and Aklan.

Going to Ivisan from Roxas City through this road network, instead of passing through the national road, cuts travel distance by seven (7) kilometers. It therefore provides a shorter route from Roxas City to Iloilo and Aklan. It is imperative to properly maintain this road network, as it is an important artery connecting goods and people from the center of trade and economic activities in Capiz to its neighboring provinces. Although said road network is fully concretized, the periodic upkeep of this road section shall be important to enhance the trade between Capiz, Iloilo and Aklan and eventually contribute to the further development of Capiz.

While the province of Capiz recognizes the vital role of roads in facilitating trade and ushering further development in the area, it does not have enough capabilities to properly maintain its road networks. This bill therefore seeks to convert the Roxas City- Cagay -Sibaguan- Balijuagan- Cudian-Ivisan provincial Road into a national road to ensure its proper maintenance given the availability of equipment and capability of the national government to provide ready funds for the purpose.

This measure is subsequent to the version, which was filed during the Twelfth Congress and is adapted from the said version's second reading copy in the House of Representatives. The Twelfth Congress version of this bill was transmitted to the Senate but the insufficiency of time impeded its passage into law.

The immediate approval of this bill is therefore recommended.



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROXAS CITY-CAGAY-SIBAGUAN-BALIJUAGAN-CUDIAN-IVISAN ROAD IN ROXAS CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF IVISAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Roxas City- Cagay- Sibaguan- Balijuagan- Cudian- Ivisan Road in Roxas City and the Municipality of Ivisan, Province of Capiz is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the DPWH 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.

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

Approved,