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HOUSE BILL NO. 511



Introduced by **Hon. Arthur "Dodo" Y. Pingoy, Jr., M.D.**

Explanatory Note

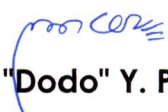
Provincial roads in the Philippines are vital arteries of commerce and trade. They play an indispensable role not only in the transport of goods and services not only within its centers, but also to adjoining areas. They are also regarded as a major key in the growth of investments and tourism in the area. Furthermore, they also facilitate travel which are equally important in the development of its human resources, effective monitoring of governmental programs and consultations with the people.

The Koronadal-Tampakan-Columbio provincial road in South Cotabato is an example of a provincial road that continues to serve several functions in the socio-economic development not only within the province but also in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region.

However, due to the financial constraints of the provincial government, such road can hardly be improved, repaired and maintained. Without the assistance of the national government, this stretch of roadway cannot contribute fully in the maximization of the growth potentials of the province.

There is, therefore, a need to convert this provincial road into a national road under the supervision and responsibility of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to ensure its unrestricted accessibility, among other things, for the betterment of South Cotabato.

Such immediate conversion as envisioned in this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE KORONADAL-TAMPAKAN-COLUMBIO PROVINCIAL ROAD
IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Koronadal-Tampakan-Cumbio provincial road in the province of South Cotabato 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,