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THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 537

INTRODUCED BY HON. FRED H. CASTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of the Tumalalud – Bilao Provincial Road, a seven kilometer provincial road from Barangay Tumalalud, Municipality of Mambusao to Barangay Bilao, Municipality of Sapián, Province of Capiz, into a national road.

The present condition of these roads hampers the mobility of the residents of the Municipalities of Mambusao and Sapián, repair and improvement of such roads cannot be immediately implemented due to lack of funds.

The conversion of this seven (7) kilometer provincial road into a national road will devolve to the national government the maintenance and development thereof. Once developed, it will provide the coconut farmers, visitors, tourists and students accessibility to the Coconut Breeding Trial Unit, the Kipol caves and the Capiz State University or CAPSU, formerly Panay State Polytechnic College.

The Coconut Breeding Trial Unit is a joint project of the CAPSU and the Philippine Coconut Authority. It became a tourist attraction because of the different varieties of coconut planted in a hundred-hectare lot. It is considered as the third biggest collection of coconut varieties in the world.

Furthermore, residents therein will be encouraged to enroll and finish their degrees in the CAPSU, as the Tumalalud-Bilao road provides a short cut route from Jamindan to the northern part of Sapián, Batán, Altavas, and vice versa.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is imperative.

ORIGINAL SIGNED
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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TUMALALUD-BILAO PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY
TUMALALUD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBUSAO TO BARANGAY BILAO IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAPIAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, 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 Tumalalud-Bilao Provincial Road from Barangay Tumalalud in the
Municipality of Mambusao to Barangay Bilao in the Municipality of Sapien, Province of Capiz,
is hereby converted into a national road under the direct supervision of the Department of Public
Works and Highways (DPWH).

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,