

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE BILL NO. 538

INTRODUCED BY HON. FRED H. CASTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to convert Poblacion Tabuc – Bato-Bato – Balit – Baye roads in the municipality of Mambusao; Pinamalatican roads in the municipality of Sigma and, Sta. Carmen – Concepcion - Sta. Rita – Consolacion – San Roque roads in the municipality of Dumalag - all in the Second Congressional District of the Province of Capiz, into a National Road.

Roads enhance economic activities as they promote mobility and accessibility of the people, thus, opening a horizon of economic possibilities, business opportunities and better employment. Roads which have already been established need to be maintained and repaired when necessary to assure that their purposes are fully served.

The road condition in the Second District of Capiz is in dire need of repair and maintenance. Although the roads mentioned above were established to promote the economic growth and development of the Province and, to shorten the travel time to the different municipalities by, at least, one-half, this is not the present condition of these roads right now. Collectively, this road is the main arterial road leading to different municipalities and also, to the barangays of adjacent municipalities. But, the said road has long been in need of repair because of the damages caused by floods as well as ordinary wear and tear. The local government, due to lack of sufficient funds, cannot afford to improve and adequately maintain this road. As such, the present road condition hampers the mobility of the people living in the said areas and this concern greatly affects their lives. Transportation is impaired, hence, commerce and industry are moving slowly. Business opportunities seemed almost close to nil. Students as well as daily commuters always encounter undue delays and difficulties. There is, therefore, a present need to convert these roads into a national road so that the badly needed repair, rehabilitation and maintenance could be undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Highways with the funding from the National Government and, to improve and elevate the economic and social status of the people.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING POBLACION TABUC – BATO-BATO – BALIT – BAYE ROADS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBUSAO, PINAMALATICAN ROADS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIGMA, STA. CARMEN – CONCEPCION – STA. RITA - CONSOLACION – SAN ROQUE ROADS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Poblacion Tabuc – Bato-bato – Balit – Baye roads in the Municipality of Mambusao, Pinamalatican roads in the Municipality of Sigma, Sta. Carmen – Concepcion – Sta. Rita – Consolacion – San Roque roads in the municipality of Dumalag, Province of Capiz is hereby converted into a national road under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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,