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HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

Introduced by Representative Rafael P. Nantes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

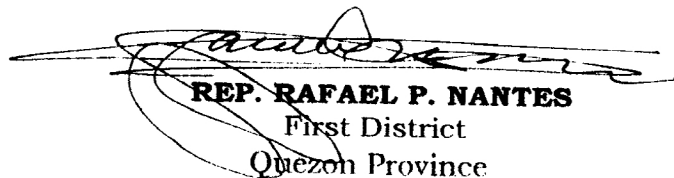
The Polillo-Panukulan Road is a provincial road situated in the island of Polillo. It is the only major arterial road in the area linking the municipalities of Polillo in the east and Panukulan in the west of the island. Reconstruction and improvement of the subject road has been continuously undertaken since 1998 to present thru the initiative of the undersigned in effect greatly improving its surfacing, road alignment and drainage structures.

However, despite improvement undertaken, the funds allocated for its construction were not enough to complete the work needed, including the cost of subsequent maintenance. Without proper attention, the road will once again be in a state of disrepair. Thus the need to provide funds for these purposes in anticipation of the activities to be hosted by the same road upon its completion.

The conversion of Polillo-Panukulan Road into a national road will greatly contribute to the fast economic growth and development not only of the towns of Polillo and Panukulan, but also the neighboring towns of Burdeos, Patnanungan and Jomalig. Economically depressed barangays which are traversed along the road will have better access to motor transport. Viability of trade and commerce will be greatly enhanced. Vital government programs and services on education, health, agriculture, energy, tourism and infrastructure can be delivered and administered at a faster grind, thus alleviating the plight of residents in the area who had been living below poverty line for years.

With its conversion into a national road, funds from the national government thru the Department of Public Works and Highways can now be channeled to accelerate the betterment of Polillo-Panukulan Road, and thus the hastening of economic growth of influenced areas. Foreign and local investors can now be attracted to invest in vital projects related to tourism, fishing and other similar important undertakings.

Immediate approval of this Bill then is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE POLILLO-PANUKULAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF POLILLO AND PANUKULAN, PROVINCE OF
QUEZON, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. The Polillo-Panukulan Road located within the territorial jurisdictions of the Municipalities of Polillo and Panukulan, Province of Quezon is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the completion, maintenance, improvement and expansion of this road shall be charged to the appropriations allocated for the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the sum required for its maintenance shall come from the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,