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HOUSE BILL NO. 3197

INTRODUCED BY **HON. FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

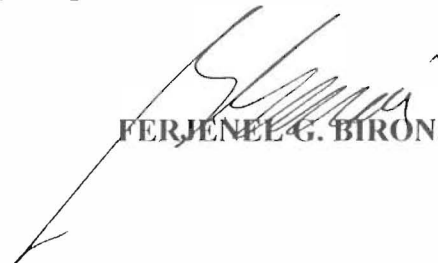
The fourth congressional district of the Province of Iloilo, encompassing the municipalities of Anilao, Banate, Barotac Nuevo, Dingle, Dueñas, Dumangas and San Enrique and the City of Passi is a land with great economic potentials. Its fertile lands, rich fishing grounds and abundant wildlife among others promise a great boost to the local trade and industry when properly harnessed. These resources serve as vital inputs for revenue activities of the constituents. However, due to the fact that the people find a hard time transporting their products from its sources to the trade zones, the development of these resources cannot be maximized.

The roads are the arteries of progress and development from which commerce and trade flow. They are a powerful tool through which the public can have access to livelihood opportunities and the nearest available basic social services. A good road can encourage people to become more productive since it presents a greater number of business prospects. Meanwhile, engaging in business with a depressed infrastructure would require a cartload of risk and sacrifice.

Being a definitive factor in progress, it is not enough that roads are just constructed. It must be ensured that they are maintained and properly taken care of. Due to the fiscal limitations of the provincial government of Iloilo, the provincial roads in Passi City and the other municipalities in my district can hardly be developed, repaired and sustained. Without the aid of the national government, the roads in the Fourth District of Iloilo will only tend to deteriorate, therefore stagnating economic development, making transportation the main cause for delay of progress in the area.

This measure aims to gain access for ready funds needed for the improvement, periodic repair and maintenance of the roads in the concerned district. Specifically, this bill seeks to convert the Banga Ermita - Lacaran - Sapa - Patlad Road in the municipality of Dumangas, province of Iloilo into a national road. It is the conviction of this representation that in order to accomplish this, the abovementioned road, which is presently under the inventory and care of the Provincial Government of Iloilo, be converted into a national road to serve the best interests of the people in my district as well as the nearby commercial and industrial areas of the Province of Iloilo.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BANGA ERMITA-LACARAN-SAPA-PATLAD ROAD
IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO 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 Banga Ermita - Lacaran - Sapa - Patlad Road is hereby converted and declared as a national road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary to cover the repair, improvement and maintenance of said roads shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,