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HOUSE BILL No. 4639



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

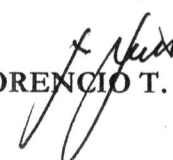
This bill seeks to convert the Boracay Island Circumferential Road in the Municipality of Malay into a national road and providing funds therefore.

From the time Boracay Island has been declared a tourist zone and marine reserve under Proclamation 1801, the government has, through policies and programs, developed and marketed it as a world class tourist destination. Through the years, the island has experienced continuing growth of foreign and local tourists.

Ensuring and sustaining the island's competitiveness and marketability as a world class tourist destination, however, requires continuing response to Boracay Island's infrastructure support, specifically the development of a road network that will facilitate transport of tourists, goods and services. One such infrastructure network is the Boracay Island Circumferential Road. Straddling the north to south portions of the island, it extends to the long stretch of the eastern portion facing mainland Aklan for a total length of twenty (20) kilometers more or less. As with most rural road networks, the circumferential road is undeveloped which is not ideal for a premier tourist spot.

With the projected development of the Caticlan Airport, the urgency of developing this circumferential road has become more pronounced as this will be part of the proposed Boracay Multi Modal Integrated Transport Program. However, given the limited finances of the local government, the task of developing and maintaining this road network should be assumed by the national government which has a vital stake in the growth of the island.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BORACAY ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD
COVERING THE BARANGAYS OF YAPAK, BALABAG, AND MANOC-MANOC IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN 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. Conversion of Provincial Road. The Boracay Island Circumferential Road covering the Barangays of Yapak, Balabag, and Manoc-Manoc in the Municipality of Malay, Province of Aklan is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SEC. 2. Implementation. The amount necessary for the improvement of the said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,