

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4658

Introduced by: **HON. FELIX R. ALFELOR, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to seek the concurrence of the Representative on the appointment, assignment or designation of a District Engineer in any DPWH Engineering District within the territorial jurisdiction of his Legislative District.

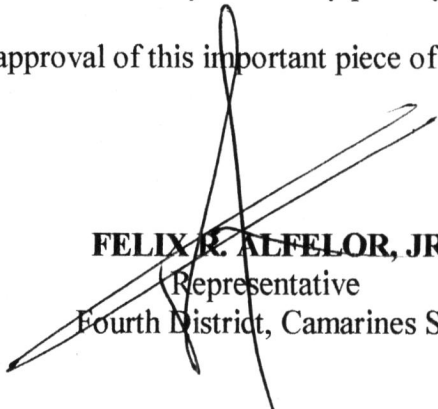
The practice of requiring the concurrence or consultation of certain government officials is not new under our system. Under Section 51 (3I) of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, otherwise known as the "Department of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", the city and municipal mayors have the "Authority to choose the chief of police from a list of five (5) eligibles recommended by the provincial police director, preferably from the same province, city or municipality;". Likewise, under Section 99 (d) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", the Department of Education shall consult the local school board on the appointment of division superintendents, district supervisors, school principals, and other school officials.

The rationale behind this proposed measure is to ensure that the implementation of infrastructure projects must be in accordance with the development plans of the national government.

It is worthy to mention that Members of both houses of Congress have the authority to identify priority projects within their respective legislative district, in case of Senators, nationwide, with the main purpose in view that all corners of our territory, whether in the mainland or in remote areas, are well taken cared of or not neglected by the government. However, there are some District Engineers, who ignore this system in order to push their own agenda. This situation defeats the noble objectives of the government in giving the Members of Congress the authority to identify priority projects.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this important piece of legislation is earnestly sought.

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ENGINEER WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF HIS
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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

SECTION 1. No District Engineer shall be appointed, assigned or designated in any DPWH Engineering District without the concurrence of the Representative of the Legislative District, which has territorial jurisdiction over such DPWH Engineering District.

SEC. 2. All laws, Executive Orders, proclamations, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,