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House Bill No. 4725



Introduced by Honorable Deputy Speaker Emilio R. Espinosa, Jr.

Explanatory Note

There was a time in the province of Masbate when in order to visit nearby municipalities people have to ride a jeepney packed to the top for some distance and trek all the way by foot. The roads were rarely passable by less sturdy vehicles and if they were, passengers will have to brace themselves for a very bumpy ride. However, by good governance, continuous economic expansion and diligence of its people there are now airconditioned vehicles that ply the route even to the once remotest towns, this is mainly because roads are improved and most of them have been concretized.

Notwithstanding these improved thoroughfares, by its constant use, the provincial government is financially inept to monitor and provide for the necessary repairs and maintenance of these roads. It is of our utmost concern that by sheer neglect the condition of these roads may worsen and once again bring back the sad experience of an impassable highway and the consequent withdrawal of these transport operators.

By this humble representation, the people of Masbate seeks to direct Congress to enact a law that will provide for the concreting of Balud - Calumpang Road in the Municipality of Balud, and to authorize its conversion into a national secondary road.

Early approval of this bill is hereby earnestly sought for.

EMILIO R. ESPINOSA, JR.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Emilio R. Espinosa, Jr. is written over the printed name.

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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE CONCRETING OF THE CROSSING BALUD -
CALUMPANG ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF
MASBATE INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Balud - Calumpang Road is hereby to be concretized and converted and declared into a National Secondary Road.

Section 2. The amount necessary to cover the improvement, repairs, and maintenance of said road as envisioned in the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the funds of the DPWH not thereby appropriated under the current GAA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the improvement, repair and maintenance of this National Road shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

Approved,