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HOUSE BILL NO. 5355



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

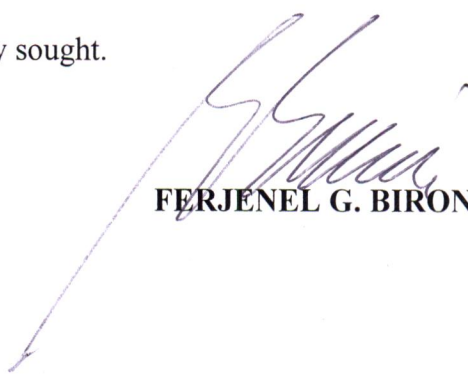
The Province of Iloilo, is a land with great economic potentials. Its fertile lands, rich fishing grounds and abundant wildlife among others promise a great boost to the local trade and industry when properly harnessed. These resources serve as vital inputs for revenue activities of the constituents. 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 roads under its jurisdiction can hardly be developed, repaired and sustained. Without the aid of the national government, the roads tend to deteriorate, therefore stagnating economic development, making transportation as the main cause for delay of progress in the area.

This measure aims to convert the Iloilo City-Leganes- Dumangas Coastal Road in the province of Iloilo into a national road. It is the conviction of this representation that it is in the best interests of the people in my district as well as the nearby commercial and industrial areas of the Province of Iloilo that funds be made available for the improvement, periodic repair and maintenance of this road to ensure the continual development

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ILOILO CITY – LEGANES- DUMANGAS COASTAL
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 Iloilo City-Leganess- Dumangas Coastal 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,