



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



**Thirteenth Congress
Second Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 5377

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the entire Tomas Oppus Street (provincial road) situated in Maasin City, Province of Southern Leyte, into a national road.

The Tomas Oppus provincial road is a vital road link for transporting farm produce and commercial products through out the entire province. It is also the road that connects the two national roads in the province.

However, the said provincial road is now deteriorating due to heavy traffic of vehicles that pass thru it owing to its alignment with the national road coming from the National Capital Region (NCR) and constant floods. The lack of funds of both the province and the city is the reason the road cannot be effectively repaired and maintained.

The conversion of this provincial road into a national road will enhance economic activities, afford better employment and stimulate commercial undertakings. Moreover, the responsibility of its maintenance will be transferred to the national government through the Department of Public Works and Highways, thus channeling the resources of the provincial government reserved for the maintenance of the said road to more important projects and programs of the provincial government.

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

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE TOMAS OPPUS STREET
(PROVINCIAL ROAD) IN MAASIN CITY, PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD**

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

SECTION 1. The Tomas Oppus Street (Provincial Road) in Maasin City, Province of Southern Leyte, is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

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

Approved,