



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



Thirteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5692

**Introduced by Honorable Matias V. Defensor, Jr. and
Honorable Mary Ann L. Susano**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to exclude a portion of the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) in Balintawak, Quezon City from the jurisdiction of the Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC).

On December 22, 1983, or almost twenty-three years ago, Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1894 was enacted to amend the franchise of the PNCC to construct, maintain and operate toll facilities in the NLEX and South Luzon Expressway, including the Metro Manila Expressway, to serve as an additional artery in the transportation of trade and commerce in Metro Manila.

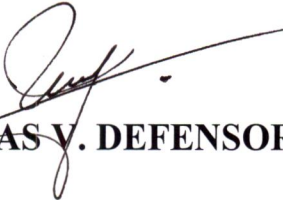
In 2002, the Balintawak area has been declared as a special development zone by the *Sangguniang Panglungsod* of Quezon City because of its potential to become a commercial hub like the Ortigas Center, Araneta Center, Rockwell or Eastwood City.

Ever since, commercial businesses and industries in the Clover Leaf area of Balintawak used to bristle with economic activity. They enjoyed accessibility despite the existence of PNCC toll franchise. However, upon the assumption of Manila North Tollway Corporation, it has closed down the access of commuters and motorists plying to and from the vicinity by

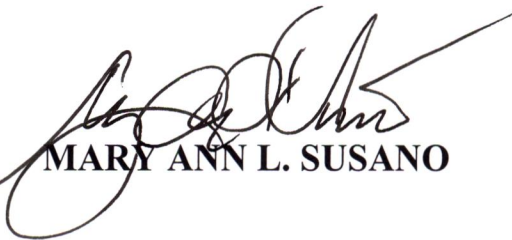
installing metal fence and concrete barriers along the service road of Balintawak thereby killing the business establishments thriving in the area.

Thus, in order to realize the vision of developing the Balintawak Interchange into an important commercial district, there is a need to amend PD 1894 to exclude a portion of the NLEX in Balintawak, Quezon City from the jurisdiction of the PNCC and turn it over either to the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) or the Quezon City government. This will allow the said government instrumentalities to develop the Clover Leaf area into a transport transfer station which will encourage future investments in the commercial development of Balintawak.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.



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**AN ACT
EXCLUDING A PORTION OF THE NORTH LUZON
EXPRESSWAY IN BALINTAWAK, QUEZON CITY FROM THE
JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED NINETY FOUR**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 (a) of Presidential Decree No. 1894, entitled,
*"Amending The Franchise Of The Philippine National Construction
Corporation To Construct, Maintain And Operate Toll Facilities In The
North Luzon And South Luzon Expressway To Include The Metro Manila
Expressway To Serve As An Additional Artery In The Transportation Of*

Trade And Commerce In The Metro Manila Area," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, there is hereby granted to the Philippine National Construction Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the law by the virtue of Philippine laws (hereinafter called the "GRANTEE"), the right, privilege and authority to construct, maintain and operate the following expressway (hereinafter collectively called "the Expressways"), together with the toll facilities appurtenant thereto:

(a) the North Luzon Expressway from Balintawak (Station [9] **10** + 563) to Carmen, Rosales, Pangasinan,

(b) x x x

(c) x x x."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,