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House Bill No. 1047



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Higatangan island is one of the frequent destinations in the province of Biliran. It is known for its shifting sand bar and majestic rock formations. Higatangan is one of the identified tourism sites in Biliran Province. At present, most of the island's road is narrow, rough and unpaved.

Thus, for the island to realize its full tourism potential specially with the passage of **RA 10409, Declaring the Province of Biliran as a Tourism Development Area**, endemic attractions must be supported with infrastructures development that will help bring tourists to the area.

This bill seeks to provide a reliable road network in the island of Higatangan that will make it convenient for the tourists to reach the site. The conversion of the barangay circumferential road in the island into a national road will link the whole island. It will likewise pave the way for the establishment of other public infrastructures, recreational establishments and accommodations that will draw more tourists in the island paradise.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**CONVERTING HIGATANGAN ISLAND BARANGAY CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, INTO A
NATIONAL CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREOF**

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

- Section 1. The Higatangan Island Barangay Road in the Municipality of Naval
is hereby converted into a Circumferential 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. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following
its enactment into law and thereafter.
- Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.