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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1465



Introduced by Honorable ALEJANDRO Y. MIRASOL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert into Secondary National Road the 22.74-Kilometer Provincial Road situated in the Crossing Magallon, traversing to Moises Padilla Town Proper – Barangay Cadre – Barangay Guinpanaan (in the Municipality of Moises Padilla), and to Barangay Cambanting, and to Barangay Biak-na-Bato (in the Municipality of La Castellana), all in the Province of Negros Occidental.

The Municipality of Moises Padilla, a former barangay of Isabela, Negros Occidental, was converted into a municipality on October 15, 1951. Today, with its more than 39,257 population (based from 2010 Census) is famous for its vast livestock yard, the major source of income of the community. Traders all over the island of Negros come to buy, sell and trade all kinds of farm and dairy by-products.

The Municipality of La Castellana is the 1st Class Municipality in the Province of Negros Occidental, with a population of 71, 013 (2010 Census). It is a rural community situated at the base of Kanlaon Volcano. It is named after the famous "Paseo de La Castellana" in Madrid, Spain. It is famous for its natural springs, waterfall, and scenic spots. It is an agricultural town engaged in sugarcane, rice, and banana farming. It is the home of many festivals, namely, Bailes de Luces, Banana Festival, and Senior de San Vicente Ferrer Day where devotees far and attend do attend to for healing.

The passage of this bill would primarily ensure adequate economic benefits through tourism development (preservation and conservation of the province's historical and cultural heritage, stimulation of various economic activities, and creation of jobs/livelihood opportunities) and secondarily, road projects development would encourage savings in passengers and commercial travel time and increase production that would transform into net value-added in agriculture and

animal husbandry in the province. Furthermore, the conversion would also provide easy access to the adjacent Municipalities of Isabela and Murcia, Negros Occidental Cities of La Carlota, San Carlos, and Canlaon (Negros Oriental Province).

With an all-weather secondary national road contributory to the region's infrastructure development that is being constantly watched by investors, locators, thus progress and development of this part of Negros Island will be fast and easy, mobility of people and of goods will be further improved gear towards a vibrant economy of our country.

Approval of this measure is urgently requested.



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD SITUATED IN THE CROSSING MAGALLON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOISES PADILLA AND BIAK-NA-BATO, LA CASTELLANA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby a national policy to improve, upgrade, expand and maintain countryside road networks and the development of an integrated inter-regional, inter-provincial farm to market roads that will accelerate the movement of goods, services and people that would result to socio-economic development of the region.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to this policy it is hereby mandated that the provincial road of Crossing Magallon in the Municipality of Moises Padilla connecting to the provincial road of Biak-na-Bato, La Castellana, all in the Province of Negros Occidental covering 22.74 linear kilometers shall be converted into a secondary national road. This secondary national road shall be known and referred to as the “*Crossing Magallon (Moises Padilla) – Biak-na-Bato (La castellana) National Road.*”

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the improvement of said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,