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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Local Roads are pivotal in the development of a province. They play an indispensable role in the transport of persons, goods and services not only within its center but also to its adjoining areas. Major growth in tourism and commerce is highly attributed to good road conditions. Also, they help facilitate travel which is equally important in communication.

The Junction Bato – Batalay – Bote - Carorian road in the province of Catanduanes is a local road that continues to serve its purpose in the socio-economic development of the province. This access road leads to the Holy Cross of Batalay which has been declared as a National Shrine. It is necessary to convert this into a national road because it is visited by thousands of devotees annually. It is also a major tourist spot. However, due to inadequate funds, the provincial government is unable to allocate for its upgrading, rehabilitation and maintenance.

The need to convert this local road into a national road to ensure its unhampered accessibility for the betterment of the province of Catanduanes as envisioned in this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cesar V. Sarmiento", written in a cursive style.

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION BATO-BATALAY-BOTE-CARORIAN
PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Junction Bato-Batalay-Bote-Carorian 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 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,