

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

House Bill No. **1862**



Introduced by Honorable Belma A. Cabilao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Provincial Road from the Junction of Lutiman to Guicam Road, Municipality of Alicia, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay into a Secondary National Road.

Roads are beneficial to the livelihood of the people in the rural areas because they help transport farm produce to the markets and town centers. They are convenient links between the barangay and the Poblacion, provides accessibility to the town proper where hospitals, law enforcements, and government agencies are located. It gives the people the opportunity to travel conveniently to their respective places of destination. Equally important is that the conversion will likewise provide the much needed accessibility to the three (3) island municipalities of Olutanga, Mabuhay and Talusan, all rich in agricultural and marine resources that need to be marketed not only to the mainland but also in many cities in the other parts of Mindanao. Conversion therefore is crucial to the socio-economic development of these island municipalities.

The existing national road of 62.458 kilometers of the 1st Congressional District, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is clearly insufficient and inadequate to serve its more than five hundred thousand inhabitants. The newly created province has huge agricultural potentials and rich natural resources, not to mention the fact that it is included in the BIMP-EAGA (East Asian Growth Area). It is fast becoming the focus of interest by neighboring regions and countries for investment considerations. Converting the 24 kms. more or less provincial road from the Junction Lutiman to Guicam Road will appropriately address the concerns for the safety and convenience of motorists and travelers who traverse the routes daily, some coming from the northern towns of Siay and Diplahan, from Malangas in the east and from Payao in the west.

The conversion will serve to allocate funds for the repair of the worn-out portions and rehabilitate the totally damaged part of the road sections thus assuring the populace convenient and safe travel, smooth flow of commerce and expeditious delivery of basic services. In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM JUNCTION LUTIMAN TO
GUICAM ROAD OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALICIA, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Provincial Road starting from junction Lutiman to Guicam Road in the Municipality of Alicia, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is hereby converted into a secondary national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the repair and maintenance of this road shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,