

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE BILL NO. 3418



Introduced by **Honorable Oscar "Richard" S. Garin, Jr.**
1st District, Iloilo

"AN ACT CONVERTING OTON-VILLA BEACH PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The road section covered by this bill is the Oton-Villa Beach Provincial Road. It is a 2.895-kilometer road section which adjoins the town proper of Oton, Iloilo to Brgy. Sto. Niño, Arevalo District in Iloilo City.

This is a vital road section as it is the only viable alternative route from Oton, Iloilo to Iloilo City, thus, the only viable alternate route from all seven (7) municipalities in the southern part of Iloilo and the Province of Antique. In the recent past, it was heavily used by cargo trucks as the only viable route from the afore-stated areas to Iloilo City when the old Batiano Bridge in Brgy. San Antonio, Oton suffered damage due to massive flooding. Owing to its strategic location, the road section will best serve its purpose if upgrading and maintenance thereof is delegated to the Department of Public Works and Highways.

This proposed measure is likewise premised on the plenary power of the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines as enshrined in Section 1, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, thus:

"Section 1. The legislative power shall be vested in the Congress of the Philippines which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives, except to the extent reserved to the people by the provision on initiative and referendum."

Broadly stated, the power Congress to legislate is all-encompassing, limited only by our constitution. It appearing that there is no constitutional impediment attending herein, the proponent respectfully prays that this proposed legislation be given due consideration.



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

Section 1. The provincial road section in the Province of Iloilo identified as Oton-Villa Beach Provincial Road is hereby converted into a national road.

Section 2. Repealing Clause – All laws, issuances or any party thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,