

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3495



Introduced by **HON. RENE L. RELAMPAGOS**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative proposal seeks to convert the existing Sto. Nino Provincial Road into a national road.

With the recent 7.2 earthquake that hit the Province of Bohol, many of the landmarks and national roads suffered major devastations. The Baclayon Church including the highway in front were among those destroyed.

In the proposed Bohol Rehabilitation Plan, the Baclayon By-Pass Road or the Sto. Nino Provincial Road (Tagbilaran-Baclayon Old Provincial Road) which is part of the Baclayon-Corella Municipal Road is identified to replace the portion of the national circumferential road in front of the Baclayon Church.

Converting the Sto. Nino Provincial Road into a National Road will serve the following purposes: first, it will ease traffic in front of the Baclayon Church and lessen the latter's vulnerability to further destruction as well as accelerate its rehabilitation; second, it will facilitate movement of the increasing population, good and services to and from the Municipality of Baclayon; and third, it will ensure better maintenance of the road which is an important link to the province's capital, Tagbilaran City.

In the 14th Congress, this legislative proposal was approved by the House on August 12, 2008 and transmitted to the Senate on August 20, 2008.

For the above considerations, the passage of this law is earnestly sought.


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**“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE STO. NINO PROVINCIAL ROAD
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”**

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

SECTION 1. The Sto. Nino Provincial Road in the Municipality of Baclayon, Province of Bohol is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,