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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3499



INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE CHERYL DELOSO-MONTALLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to open the Tarlac-Zambales Road via the Iba-Tarlac Road as a national road network that will transect the eastern and western towns of Zambales and Tarlac respectively.

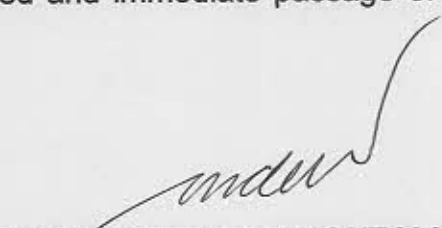
Zambales is a coastal province. The whole stretch lies facing the West Philippine Sea making it an entrance and exit area for typhoons every year. The province consists of only one primary national road network, the Olongapo-Bugallion Road that traverse the entire province from north to south. The northern most tip, the Sta. Cruz town is a flash flood prone area that becomes impassable during heavy downpour. It is connected to the Zambales-Pangasinan Road, a primary national road network in the 1st district of Pangasinan.

The southernmost tip, Olongapo City is connected to the Olongapo-Gapan Road section of Pampanga and Bataan. This city is also a flood prone area that becomes impassable also during the onslaught of heavy monsoon rains.

Recent subsequent typhoons and torrential rains have wrought havoc of great magnitude to Zambales which adversely affect the living condition of the people in Zambales. The farmers' crops and livestock were lost. Worst of all central towns like Masinloc, Palauig, Iba, Botolan, and Cabangan become isolated because there is no alternate route that leads to the outside of the province. This isolation cause people to starve because trading becomes paralyzed and food become scarce due to the panic buying of the people.

It is for this reason therefore, that the urgent opening of the Botolan-Capas Road is earnestly requested.

It is in this light that this bill is being filed and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TARLAC-ZAMBALES ROAD VIA
IBA-TARLAC-ROAD ROAD CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF ZAMBALES AND
TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS THE TARLAC-ZAMBALES EXPRESSWAY (TZEX)

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

SECTION 1. The Tarlac-Zambales Road via the Iba-Tarlac Road shall be opened and constructed under the primary supervision and control of the Department of Public Works and Highways. This road network shall be known as the Tarlac-Zambales Expressway (TZEX)

SECTION 2. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall endorse the construction of the Tarlac-Zambales Road via the Iba-Tarlac Road for funding either through a government guarantee via the Official Development Assistance (ODA) or private sector participation under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Scheme as a multi-year project.

The DPWH shall be responsible for the implementation and operationalization of the Tarlac-Zambales Road via the Iba-Tarlac Road including the feasibility and detailed engineering studies and acquisition of site.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,