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HOUSE BILL NO. 3519



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

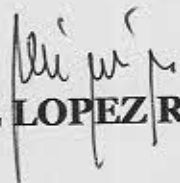
This legislative proposal seeks to convert the existing Antequera-Balilihan via Dorol Road, a provincial road, to a national road.

The Philippine Ports Authority has identified the Catagbacan Port, in the Municipality of Loon, for development as an "International Cruise Port." This is in view of the port's strategic location in relation to the ports in nearby island provinces and the Chocolate Hills of Bohol. Currently, there are four (4) highway systems that link the Catagbacan Port to the Chocolate Hills: (1) Catagbacan (Loon)-Antequera National Road; (2) Antequera-Balilihan Provincial Road; (3) Balilihan-Hanopol-Batuan National Road and the (4) Batuan-Carmen National Road.

With the recent 7.2 earthquake that hit the province, rehabilitation of the Catagbacan (Loon)-Antequera National Road and the Balilihan-Hanopol-Batuan National Road are currently in progress.

This highway system, as the shortest route to the Chocolate Hills from the proposed cruise port, provides a new tourism circuit that will provide an alternative tourism experience in the province of Bohol as well as the nearby provinces. Declaring the Antequera-Balilihan via Dorol Provincial Road into a National Road has, thus, become a necessity and an imperative to complete this new tourism circuit.

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


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**“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ANTEQUERA-BALILIHAN VIA DOROL ROAD
FROM A 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 Antequera-Balilihan via Dorol provincial road in the Municipality of Antequera, 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,