

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3524



Introduced by HON. FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

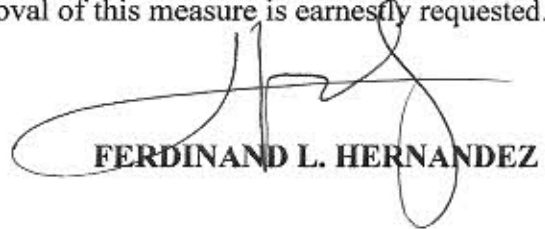
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the conversion of the provincial road stretching from Junction National Highway Barangay Punong Grande (Bo. 2), Municipality of Banga, to Barangay Lapuz Junction National Highway (Kolambog), Municipality of Norala, located in the province of South Cotabato, into a national road.

Roads are crucial infrastructures for progress and development. The state of their physical condition affects not only the efficient delivery of basic goods and services, but more importantly, the safety of the people. In South Cotabato, which is primarily an agro-industrial province, this road serves as a major thoroughfare that provides a link to the various farm-to-market roads that traverse vast plantations and industries owned by local and multinational corporations. In spite of its paramount importance to agriculture, commerce and eco-tourism, this road is still classified as a provincial road. As such, it relies solely on the provincial government of South Cotabato for periodic repairs and maintenance. Thus, with limited funds, it is truly lamentable that the condition of most of these roads which are under the provincial inventory have deteriorated over the years.

The proposed nationalization of this road provides a two-fold advantage. First, this will enable the provincial government to concentrate on the more important task of local administration and governance as a result of the transfer of the supervision and maintenance of this road to the Department of Public Works and Highways. Secondly, under this set up, the required funds for the maintenance and improvement of national roads will become a regular component of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the General Appropriations Act.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION NATIONAL
HIGHWAY, BARANGAY PUNONG GRANDE (BO. 2), MUNICIPALITY OF
BANGA, TO BARANGAY LAPUZ JUNCTION NATIONAL HIGHWAY
(KOLAMBOG) NORALA ROAD, MUNICIPALITY OF NORALA, ALL OF THE
PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The road stretching from Junction National Highway, Barangay Punong Grande (Bo. 2), Municipality of Banga, Province of South Cotabato to Barangay Lapuz Junction National Highway (Kolambog) Norala Road, Municipality of Norala, all of the Province of South Cotabato as described in the technical description under the succeeding section of this Act is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. The technical description of the road is as follows:

From the Bureau of Lands, Control Station no. 1 (CTS 3321) of the Municipality of Banga, Province of South Cotabato thence to point marked one (1) of the road with a distance of 574.41 meters, bearing N 25 °55' W, with the following lines, bearing and distances, to wit:

LINES	BEARING	DISTANCE (m)
1-2	N 65° 19' W	610.89
2-3	N 39° 16' W	876.44
3-4	N 62° 17' W	387.35
4-5	N 68° 12' W	186.51
5-6	N 65° 54' W	383.38
6-7	N 65° 14' W	341.29
7-8	N 65° 24' W	88.4

8-9	N 25° 16' E	411.59
9-10	N 64° 58' W	162.28
10-11	N 64° 52' W	1,102.68
11-12	N 78° 18' W	102.52
12-13	N 66° 59' W	302.62
13-14	N 60° 55' W	284.5
14-15	N 39° 10' W	866.57
15-16	N 64° 47' W	876.69
16-17	N 64° 38' W	349.05
17-18	N 22° 23' W	731.02
18-19	N 3° 33' E	217.27
19-20	N 36° 53' W	807.98
20-21	N 3° 31' W	371.14
21-22	N 52° 20' W	838.77
22-23	N 29° 9' W	409.71
23-24	N 93° 35' W	595.93
24-25	N 58° 33' W	487.04
25-26	N 63° 45' W	1,000.23
26-27	S 85° 17' W	2,543.67
27-28	N 65° 9' W	49.92
28-29	N 22° 30' W	648.39
29-30	N 55° 7' W	188.58
30-31	N 28° 25' W	343.08
31-32	N 50° 59' W	106.19
32-33	N 72° 7' W	104.54
33-34	S 87° 57' W	533.81
34-35	S 85° 19' W	328.19
35-36	S 85° 60' W	506.7
36-37	S 80° 58' W	81.23
37-38	S 84° 32' W	1,549.56
38-39	S 87° 16' W	736.43
39-40	S 84° 55' W	70.96
40-41	S 84° 60' W	666.06
41-42	S 86° 2' W	1,942.85

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,