



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3613**



Introduced by HON. VICENTE J. ALCALA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert DOMOIT-BOCOHAN into a national road. This is a refiled bill which reached the third reading in the Senate during the 15th Congress. It was not able to pass into law due to time constraint.

The Domoit- Bocoohan Road links the National Road to the city proper of Lucena City and the Diversion Road which is part of the Manila-Highway. It is a major artery in the city of Lucena, Province of Quezon and a vital gateway for the coconut industry of the province, since it is being used by copra suppliers from Bicol and Laguna provinces to JNJ Oil Refinery in Isabang, Lucena City and Tantuco Oil Refinery at Iyam, Lucena City. Likewise, it is also being used by copra suppliers from the island provinces of Masbate, Romblon, Marinduque and Mindoro via Dalahican Port of Lucena City to Tantuco Oil Refinery at Domoit, Lucena City. It is heavily used by coconut/copra cargo trucks and daily commuters to Grand Central Bus Terminal and Tayabas-Lucban-Laguna Jeep Terminals at the Diversion Road that it needs frequent repairs and maintenance. The City government of Lucena, however, could not sustain its maintenance, hence, the DPWH has to cover the maintenance work including surfacing, road alignment and drainage structures, among others. Without the appropriate funding for maintenance, however, the drainage will slowly deteriorate and will once again be in a state of disrepair. Thus, there is a need to provide funds for the purpose of continuously and properly maintain the road in a usable condition and to ensure enhanced quality of the road.

The proposed conversion is imperative to facilitate economic growth in the area. By converting abovementioned road into a national road, funds from the national government thru the Department of Public Works and Highways can now be channeled to accelerate the betterment of the Domoit-Bocoohan Road.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CONVERTING DOMOIT-BOCOHAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF LUCENA
PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD**

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

SECTION 1. The Domoit-Bocohan Road in the City of Lucena, Province of Quezon is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. 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. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.