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HOUSE BILL NO. 3760



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

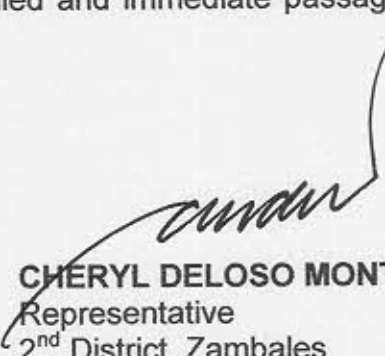
This bill seeks the construction of the Guisguis-Mangatarem Road which will connect the Provinces of Zambales and Pangasinan.

The Province of Zambales is part of the W-growth corridor. While the rest of the said growth corridor experience, as of late, rapid economic growth, Zambales remains a laggard when it comes to economic development.

The construction of the Guisguis- Mangatarem Road will link the Municipality of Sta Cruz, Zambales to the Municipality of Mangatarem, Pangasinan. The 55-kilometer road will start from the junction of the Olongapo- Bugallon road and the Sta Cruz- Guisguis road up to the Pangasinan boundary. The project route will pass through Guisguis road, an all-weather road, and the road opening starts at barangay Guisguis up to the Pangasinan boundary. The 35 kilometers portion is in Zambales while the remaining 20 kilometers belongs to Pangasinan. The road has been widened and is now passable. But being a rough road, its use by the public is not guaranteed until the safety features have been installed.

Since Zambales is identified as one of the provinces with established ecozones, the provision of a road network that will open the area to Central Pangasinan for trade and other economic activities must be in order. This will also boost the tourism potential of Zambales thereby revving up the financial and economic status of both provinces.

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 GUISGUIS-MANGATAREM ROAD
CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF ZAMBALES AND PANGASINAN

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

SECTION 1. The Guisguis-Mangatarem Road shall be opened and constructed under the primary supervision and control of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall endorse the construction of the Guisguis-Mangatarem 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 Guisguis-Mangatarem 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,