

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE BILL NO. 4019



Introduced by **Honorable Oscar "Richard" S. Garin, Jr.**
1st District, Iloilo

"AN ACT CONVERTING STA. MONICA-CORDOVA PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The road section covered by this bill is the Sta. Monica-Cordova Road. It is a provincial road that traverses from Brgy. Sta. Monica, Oton, Iloilo, and ends in Brgy. Cordova Norte, Tigbauan. This road section connects the Oton-San Miguel National Road and Tigbauan-Leon National Road.

This road section spans 2.730 kilometers and is a significant commercial artery as it connects the towns of Oton and Tigbauan, Iloilo as well as the barangays therein, all of which produce considerable quantities of agricultural products and farm animals. The Municipality of Oton is a 1st class municipality with a population of 82,572 per 2010 census. More significantly, it is a prime choice for migration of the urban population of Iloilo City, considering that it is only 11 kilometers therefrom.

Tigbauan is a 2nd class municipality with a population of 58,814 per 2010 census. It is the site of the Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), a multi-lateral consortium of Southeast Asian countries and Japan aimed towards fisheries research and development.

Both municipalities possess an immense potential in agriculture, trade and commerce, and enhancing fisheries development in the Province of Iloilo thus, a reliable road system to reach their full potential can go a long way. Upgrading and constant maintenance of this road section will invariably engender an

increased productivity considering that producers will have access to an all-weather road network.

This proposed measure is also premised on the plenary power of the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines as enshrined in Section 1, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, thus:

“Section 1. The legislative power shall be vested in the Congress of the Philippines which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives, except to the extent reserved to the people by the provision on initiative and referendum.”

Broadly stated, the power Congress to legislate is all-encompassing, limited only by our constitution. It appearing that there is no constitutional impediment attending herein, the proponent respectfully prays that this proposed legislation be given due consideration.



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

Section 1. The provincial road section in the Province of Iloilo identified as Sta. Monica-Cordova Provincial Road is hereby converted into a national road.

Section 2. Repealing Clause – All laws, issuances or any party thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,