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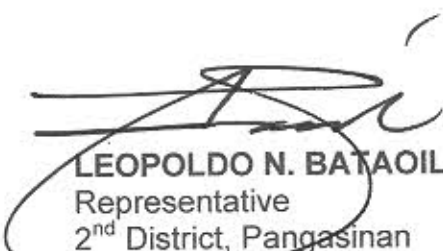
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Around the middle of the eighteenth century, the provinces of Pangasinan and Zambales were created under one administration with close cultural, social and economic ties. The only dividing line was the Zambales mountain range in the west.

This bill seeks to rev up economic development of the two provinces and revive and enrich their historical and cultural bonds through the construction and development of a major route connecting the municipalities of Mangatarem, Pangasinan and Sta. Cruz, Zambales. It shall be named "Daang Kalikasan" emphasizing its natural beauty and the preservation of rich natural resources around the area.

The Provinces of Pangasinan and Zambales, despite being part of the W-growth corridor remains wanting in terms of economic development compared to its neighboring provinces which have experienced rapid economic growth. The construction of "Daang Kalikasan" will open opportunities for economic growth of the two municipalities because the great wall of Zambales mountain range that divides the eastern side and western side will finally have a gateway to encourage investors, attract more tourists and accelerate movement of traders from Northern and Central Luzon. This gateway will likewise boost tourism potential of the western beaches in Zambales and Pangasinan.

In view of the foregoing, 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 "DAANG KALIKASAN"
AS AN ECO-TOURISM HIGHWAY CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF
PANGASINAN AND ZAMBALES

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

SECTION 1. An eco-tourism highway to be named "Daang Kalikasan" shall be opened, constructed and developed by connecting Brgy. Muelang, Mangatarem in the Province of Pangasinan and Brgy. Guisguis, Sta. Cruz in the Province of Zambales, under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in collaboration with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall be responsible in the construction and development of the "Daang Kalikasan" from the conduct of feasibility and detailed engineering studies and site acquisition until its full implementation and operationalization.

SECTION 3. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall be responsible in endorsing and sourcing out funds for the construction of the "Daang Kalikasan" through a government guarantee via the Official Development Assistance (ODA) or through private sector participation under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Scheme as a multi-year project.

SECTION 2. The DPWH Secretary shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of "Daang Kalikasan", the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Likewise, the Secretaries of the DOT and DENR shall include the development of "Daang Kalikasan" in their respective Department's programs.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,