

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 5132

Introduced by **Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to convert the five-kilometer (5 km.) provincial road from the National Highway, known as Contreras Street, passing through Sitio Racub leading to Sitio Bukid-bukid in Barangay Rio Tuba in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, into a national road and appropriate funds for the concreting and maintenance thereof.

The municipality of Bataraza was formerly part of the municipality of Brooke's Point. It is located at the southernmost tip of mainland Palawan. It has a total land area of 726.2 square kilometers (km²) and a distance of approximately 225 kilometers away from Puerto Princesa City which is about five (5) to six (6) hours travel by land. On the other hand, Sitio Racub and Sitio Bukid-bukid are two sitios covered by Barangay Rio Tuba, known for mineral resource exploration.

Most of the national roads in the Second District of Palawan are approaching project completion. Hence, we seek to convert more provincial roads into national roads so that the national government fund will cover for the repair, maintenance and improvement of the roads. Admittedly, the local and/or provincial governments of Palawan lack the necessary budget to put road maintenance as their priority.

The result of concreting of roads, as well as their repair, maintenance and improvement, greatly affect the people residing in the locality whether for economic, tourism, or day-to-day purposes. Interestingly, roads provide great benefits to all the people not only from the area but to all travelers who come to have ventured the path.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

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

1 SECTION 1. The five-kilometer (5 km.) provincial road traversing the National
2 Highway, known as Contreras Street, passing through Sitio Racub leading to Sitio Bukid-
3 bukid in Barangay Rio Tuba in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan is
4 hereby converted into a national road.

5 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall
6 include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said
7 road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

8 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,