

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5163**



Introduced by **Honorable Leopoldo N. Bataoil**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the improvement of the 54 kilometer-road located in Brgy. Muelang, Mangatarem, Province of Pangasinan to Brgy. Guisguis, Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales and declaring it as a national road to be known as the "Daang Kalikasan" National Road.

The 54 kilometer-road located between Brgy Muelang, Mangatarem, Pangasinan and Brgy. Guisguis, Sta. Cruz, Zambales is an unclassified road. It is passable and being used by off truck vehicles during summer season only. The surrounding terrain is a beautiful landscape of gentle hills, rivers and pockets of forests which can still be saved, conserved and expanded to preserve the last remaining species of the wild life, flowers and fauna.

With the concreting of the road and classifying it as a national road, it shortens travel time and boost economic activities. Further, "Daang Kalikasan" has a strong potential of becoming a world class ecotourism attraction that will benefit both provinces.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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HON. LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL

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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:

SECTION 1. The 54 kilometer-road located in Brgy. Muelang, Mangatarem, Province of Pangasinan to Brgy. Guisguis, Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales shall be improved under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways and declaring it as a national road to be known as the "Daang Kalikasan" National Road.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the improvement of the national road shall be charged to the current appropriations of the convergence fund of the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Tourism and Department of Environment Natural Resources. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the national road shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,