

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6014**



Introduced by HONORABLE MARK. O GO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Barangay Road Development (BRD) Program under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Barangay is the smallest political unit of government. Among the Local Government Units (LGUs), it is considered to be closest to the people in terms of access and proximity. It serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community.

As of March 2017, there are a total of 42, 036 barangays in the country. Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority reveals that **only** 13.6 percent or 5,716 barangays were classified as urban. From the enactment of the Local Government Code up to the present, most Local Government Units, particularly in rural areas, lack sufficient funding and resources to continuously improve barangay roads and other infrastructure.

Pursuant to the Administrative Code, it is the policy of the State to maintain an engineering and construction arm and continuously develop its technology for the purposes of ensuring the safety of all infrastructure facilities and securing for all public works and highways the highest efficiency and the most appropriate quality in construction through the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The establishment of BRD Program strongly connects the various barangays to business centers resulting to more business opportunities and socio-economic development in the cities and municipalities. This measure is aligned to the President's program of his 'Dutertenomics' economic development plan.

The construction of the roads will enhance the flow of commerce and trade and provide more convenient and faster access in transporting basic goods and services from urban to rural areas. Also, the BRD program will sustain regional industries, improve

agricultural and tourism activities, and promote the best condition for the general welfare of the commuters.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY ROAD DEVELOPMENT (BRD)
PROGRAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Road Development (BRD) Program".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy – The State recognizes the barangay as the basic local government unit with a primary role in the delivery of services to the citizens. Towards this end, the State shall provide the necessary funding for the establishment of infrastructure and roads for the development of all barangays to achieve its prime mandate.

SEC. 3. Barangay Infrastructure and Road Development Program – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall establish a Barangay Road Development (BRD) Program that shall undertake the construction of road projects allocated directly to the identified barangays in the country.

The BRD program shall be funded corresponding to at least ten percent (10%) of the annual capital outlay budget of DPWH per district.

SEC. 4. Planning, Evaluation and Assessment – The DPWH in coordination with the cities and municipalities shall identify the barangay beneficiaries under the BRD Program upon proper evaluation and assessment. The said agency shall likewise plan the projects to be programmed and implemented in the recipient barangays.

SEC. 5. Implementation, Monitoring and Supervision. – The implementation as well as monitoring and supervision of the projects under the BRD program shall be under the DPWH.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of the Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,