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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Unknown to many but are exponentially gaining attention, the coastal municipalities of Placer and Cawayan in the Province of Masbate and its surrounding islands are full of tourist and economic potential. These municipalities are naturally gifted with pristine white sand beaches, virgin coral reefs filled with colorful fauna and flora, wide-ranging sand bars, and most of all, extremely warm-welcoming people.

Despite these natural treasures, Placer, Cawayan and their surrounding islands remain undiscovered and undeveloped. The lack of progress in the area can be easily traced to non-existent roads along the shorelines and connecting the two municipalities.

In order to tap the full economic and tourism potential of Cawayan and Placer, it is imperative that the national government provide the needed roads. By doing so, the State will sow the seeds of progress as tourist resorts and fishing industries would certainly sprout along the roads built.

Hence, the passage of this bill is urgently sought.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL COASTAL
HIGHWAY CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PLACER AND CAWAYAN
IN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE**

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as "Placer-Cawayan National Coastal Highway Act."

Sec. 2. It is hereby mandated the construction of the Placer-Cawayan National Coastal Highway. The said coastal highway shall connect the municipalities of Placer and Cawayan, both in the Province of Masbate. Specifically, the coastal highway shall be built along the coast of Placer and Cawayan and shall traverse Barangays Pasiagon, Luna, Nainday, Camayabsan, and Divisoria. Proper elevation shall also be provided in such a way that the coastal highway shall simultaneously serve as a dike that will protect people and properties from tidal surges and flooding.

Sec. 3. *Appropriation.* The amount necessary for the construction of the coastal highway shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this law.

Sec. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.