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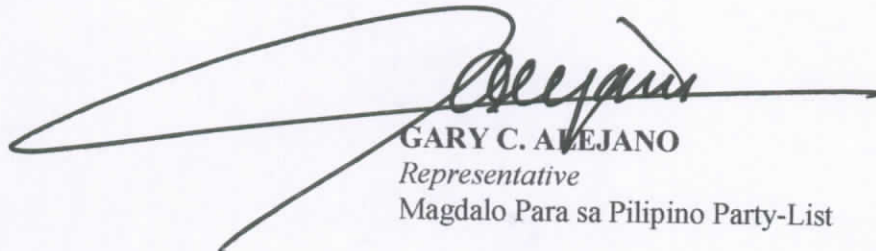
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009, the State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance. True enough in 2017, the tourism industries contributed 12.2 percent to the economy. It is measured by the share of Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The TDGVA amounted to PhP 1,929.3 billion at current prices in 2017. This is higher by 24.2 percent than the previous year's record of PhP 1,553.7 billion.

Given its contribution to our economy, the government needs to harness tourism as an engine of socio-economic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos. However, we must ensure that tourist destinations are accessible thru the appropriate improvement and maintenance of our roads leading to major tourist destinations.

Hence, this proposed measure seeks to convert all roads leading to tourist destinations and ports as national roads to facilitate access and promote activities for tourism and economic development.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING ALL ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND
PORTS AS NATIONAL ROADS

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

1 **SEC.1.** All roads leading to tourist destinations and ports are hereby converted and
2 declared as national roads.

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4 For this purpose, *tourist destinations* shall refer to an area where there exist an
5 establishments or group of establishments that has been created with the purpose of attracting
6 tourist duly accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) pursuant to Republic Act No.
7 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009.

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9 On the other hand, *ports* shall refer to all existing and future ports, private or public,
10 under the administration, regulation, management and operation of the Philippine Ports
11 Authority (PPA) pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 505 dated 11 July 1974, as amended.
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14 **SEC.2.** The Secretaries of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
15 and the DOT shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars for the effective
16 implementation of this Act.
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18 **SEC.3.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, issuances, rules and
19 regulations or part thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby modified,
20 amended, or repealed accordingly
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22 **SEC.4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
23 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,