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HOUSE BILL NO. 7187



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ZAMBALES-TARLAC ROAD VIA
PALAUIG-TARLAC-ROAD CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF ZAMBALES AND
TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBALES-TARLAC NATIONAL HIGHWAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to open the Zambales-Tarla Road via the Palauig-Tarlac Road as a national road network that will transect the eastern and western towns of Zambales and Tarlac respectively.

Zambales is a coastal province. The whole stretch of the province bordered by the West Philippine Sea where typhoons, more often than not, exit. The province consists of only one primary national road network, the Olongapo-Bugallion Road that traverses the entire province from north to south. The northernmost municipality of the province, the Municipality of Sta. Cruz is a flood prone area that becomes impassable during heavy downpour. It is connected to the Zambales-Pangasinan Road, a primary national road network in the 1st district of Pangasinan.

The southernmost tip of Zambales is Olongapo City and is connected to the Olongapo-Gapan Road section of Pampanga and Bataan. This city is also a flood prone and becomes inaccessible during the typhoon season.

Recent typhoons and torrential rains wrought havoc to Zambales and adversely affect the living condition of the people. Farmers' crops and livestock were lost. Worst of all, the central towns of Masinloc, Palauig, Iba, Botolan, and Cabangan became isolated because there is, at present, no alternate route that leads to the outside of the province.

It is for this reason therefore, that the urgent opening of the Palauig-Tarlac Road is earnestly requested.

It is in this light that this bill is being filed and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The Zambales-Tarlac Road via the Palauig-Tarlac Road shall be opened and constructed under the primary supervision and control of the Department of Public Works and Highways. This road network shall be known as the Zambales-Tarlac National Highway.

SECTION 2. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall endorse the construction of the Zambales-Tarlac Road via the Palauig-Tarlac Road for funding either through a government guarantee via the Official Development Assistance (ODA) or private sector participation under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Scheme as a multi-year project.

The DPWH shall be responsible for the implementation and operationalization of the Tarlac-Zambales Road via the Palauig-Tarlac Road including the feasibility and detailed engineering studies and acquisition of site.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,

