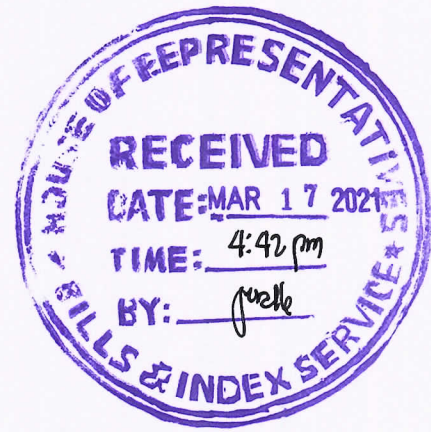


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 10.70 -kilometer Barcelona – Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section), is a locally maintained road which starts from Brgy. Poblacion Sur, Barcelona, Sorsogon and ends at St. Lourdes, Barcelona, Sorsogon. It is the other part of the Provincial Road network that connects the Municipality of Barcelona to the Municipality of Casiguran. This road network is of vital importance because it provides the shortest access to either municipalities, the eastern and western side, respectively, of this part of the Province. This stretch of road benefits the business, farmers, and residents of the two municipalities as it facilitates the easy transport of goods to-and-fro them and the various municipalities of the Province of Sorsogon.

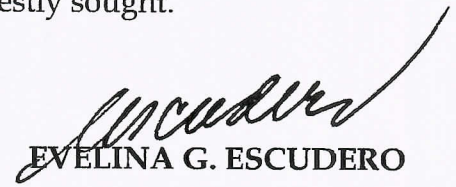
It has been long recognized that the economic development of a region is greatly facilitated by its road network. The quality of roads influences regional productivity through the facilitation of efficient movement of goods and labor. Not only does this facilitate economic development, but also people's access to social, health and education services of the government. Thus, a well-kept road network, safe and reliable, is crucial in improving the quality of life of the constituents of the province.

As the 10.70 -kilometer road network is categorized as a local road, it is maintained and rehabilitated by the Province of Sorsogon. The limited resources of the provincial government hinders it from sufficiently allocating annually what this important road network actually needs for its upkeep.

Therefore, this Bill seeks to convert the locally maintained 10.70-kilometer Barcelona – Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section), into a National Road to ensure that it will be properly and efficiently maintained by the Department of Public Works and Highways with the adequate funding from the national government. This conversion will certainly create a great impact in improving the life, not only of the

residents of the Municipalities of Barcelona and Casiguran, but also of the Province of Sorsogon.

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



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY
POBLACION SUR TO BARANGAY ST. LOURDES, MUNICIPALITY OF
BARCELONA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The 10.70-kilometer road stretching from Barangay Poblacion Sur to Barangay St. Lourdes, Municipality of Barcelona, otherwise known as the Barcelona - Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section), Province of Sorsogon is hereby converted into a national road.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which 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 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,