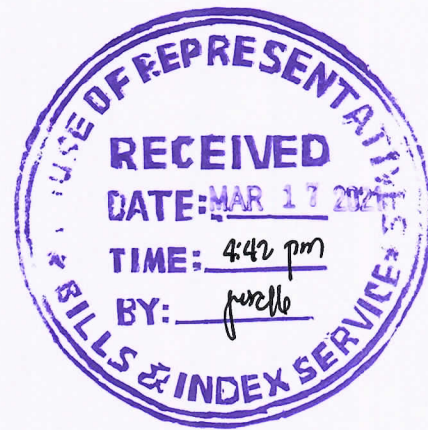


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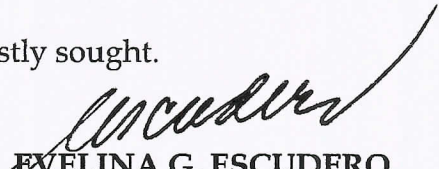
The Junction Sulangan- Bico, Sta. Magdalena Road is a 4.5-kilometer road network that connects the Municipality of Matnog to the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena, both in Sorsogon. This road network is of vital importance as this is the only road that makes the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena accessible to the rest of the province.

Sta. Magdalena is a fifth-class municipality, but it abounds with natural beauty and white-sand beaches that can spur tourism and economic growth in the area. It has been long recognized that the economic development of an area is greatly facilitated by its road network; hence, 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 is crucial in improving the lives of the constituents, not only of the municipality of Sta. Magdalena but also of the entire Province of Sorsogon.

As the 4.5-kilometer road network is a Provincial Road, it is maintained and rehabilitated by the Province of Sorsogon. The provincial government's limited resources hinder it from sufficiently allocating annually what this vital road network actually needs for its upkeep.

Therefore, this bill seeks to convert the 4.5-kilometer Junction Solangan- Bico, Sta. Magdalena Road into a National Road to ensure that it will be efficiently maintained by the Department of Public Works and Highways with adequate funding from the national government.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JCT. SULANGAN,
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STA. MAGDALENA, ALL OF THE 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 road stretching from Jct. Sulangan, Municipality of Matnog to Brgy. Bigo, Municipality of Sta. Magdalena, all of the 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,