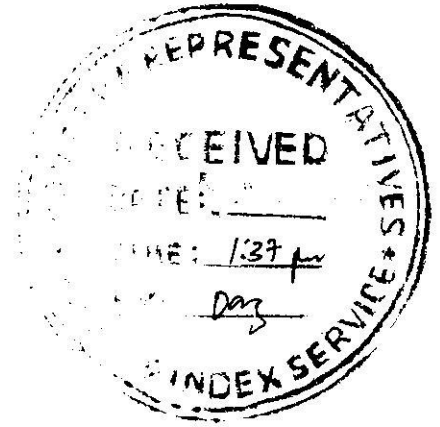


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ease of travel, improved mobility, economic growth and opportunities and rural development especially in the upland areas, are just some of the benefits of having a better road network.

The construction of the road stretching from Jovellar, Albay to Pantao, Libon, Albay has been ongoing since 2019 and was funded under the General Appropriations Act of 2019. However, much work still must be done.

The road traverses the upland barangays of the municipalities of Jovellar, Guinobatan, Ligao, Oas, and Libon. It thus connects the town centers in the Third District of Albay.

The road network also links the Bicol International Airport in Daraga, Albay to Pantao Port in Libon, Albay. It also encompasses the Port of Pilar in the province of Sorsogon and the Port of Pioduran in Albay. Such road network will be a great alternative route and will greatly improve tourism and boost economic growth in the province.

Thus, the conversion of the Jovellar - Pantao road to a national road would significantly contribute to accelerating development in the said areas.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JOVELLAR, ALBAY TO PANTAO,
LIBON, ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Jovellar-Pantao National Road Act".

SEC. 2. Establishment. - The road stretching from Jovellar to Barangay Pantao, Municipality of Libon in the province of Albay is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. - 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. 4. Separability Clause. - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of 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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,