

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 609



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Corella-Balilihan Road is a 9.154-kilometer provincial road stretching from Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Corella to Barangay Del Carmen Sur in the Municipality of Balilihan. It connects two national roads – the Cortes-Balilihan-Catigbian-Macaas National Road and the Tagbilaran City-Corella-Sikatuna-Loboc National Road.

The Corella-Balilihan Road is a necessary auxiliary road which substantially cuts travel time not only from Balilihan to the capital city of Tagbilaran but also to nearby municipalities. It is a highway that eases travel and decongests the national roads due to increasing transportation activity brought about by tourism and agriculture, among others. This road network provides shorter routes to important tourism destinations in Bohol such as the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary, Kawasan Falls and Malingin Falls, among others. In this Corella-Balilihan Road also is the state university of the province – Bohol Island State University, Balilihan campus.

As such part of an important road network, the Corella-Balilihan Road has become one of the busiest highways in Bohol as used by tourists, farmers, service-providers, employees, students and simply every Boholano who want to cut travel time in going around the province.

The provincial government of Bohol, with its meager resources, is not able to support its continuous upgrade, improvement, rehabilitation and maintenance.

Thus, the urgent need to reclassify the category of the Corella-Balilihan Road from a provincial to a national road to respond to the growing needs of the constituents and the communities. The conversion to national road will essentially improve linkage and exchange of agricultural and commercial goods as well as the delivery of tourism, social and public services in the province.

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


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“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CORELLA-BALILIHAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE
PROVINCE OF BOHOL STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY POBLACION,
MUNICIPALITY OF CORELLA TO BARANGAY DEL CARMEN SUR,
MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL 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 Corella-Balilihan provincial road in the Province of Bohol stretching from Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Corella to Barangay Del Carmen Sur, Municipality of Balilihan, Province of Bohol 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 after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,