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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Gibalon Shrine, located in the Sitio Gibalon, Brgy. Biton in the Municipality of Magallanes, Sorsogon, is a historic location with religious significance and was widely believed as the site of the first Christian Mass held in the Island of Luzon in 1569. [1] For this reason, the historic shrine became a popular tourist destination in the said municipality.

However, the road leading to Brgy. Biton remains a local road maintained and rehabilitated by the local government unit. Hence, the limited resources of the provincial government hinder it from sufficiently allocating annually what this vital road network actually needs for its upkeep.

Therefore, this bill seeks to convert the road network in Brgy. Cawit Extension to Brgy. Biton in the Municipality of Magallanes, Sorsogon from being classified as a Provincial 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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[1] https://www.magallanessorsogon.gov.ph/gibalon/

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CAWIT EXTENSION, TO BARANGAY BITON, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALLANES, 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 Brgy. Cawit Extension to Brgy. Biton, Municipality of Magallanes, 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,