

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3821



Introduced by Representative Alan I B. Ecleo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill aims to convert Santo Niño – Melgar Road located in the Province of Dinagat Islands into a national road.

The existing roadway of Santo Niño – Melgar, with its length of 12.34 KM, serves as a main thoroughfare in the locality. It is a reliable passageway heavily traversed by the residents and is a vital infrastructure and passageway of goods and services between sitios, barangays, and municipalities. Needless to say, the mobility the abovesaid roadway provides to the people of Dinagat Islands is essential to the socio-economic activities and operations of the province.

Santo Niño – Melgar Road is currently classified as a provincial road. Thus, its maintenance and improvement are under the responsibility of the local government. Considering the fiscal limitations of the local government, the maintenance of the road subject of this bill cannot always be given prioritization despite its contribution and importance to the locality.

Thus, to guarantee the availability of and access to funds for the consistent care and maintenance of the abovesaid road, and to make sure that it continues to serve fully its purpose and capacity, it is deemed best and urgent to convert Santo Niño – Melgar Road into a national road. Doing so will redound to the socio-economic development and promotion of the welfare of the People of the Province of Dinagat Islands.

In view thereof, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF SANTO NIÑO –
MELGAR ROAD LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF DINAGAT
ISLANDS INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING THE
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. The Santo Niño – Melgar Road, located in the Province of Dinagat Islands, is
2 hereby converted into a national road.

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4 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's
5 program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of said road, the funding of which shall be
6 included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

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8 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or
9 in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,