

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6709**



Introduced by Representative **WOWO FORTES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Junction Sulangan-Bigo-Sta. Magdalena Road is a 4.64-kilometer road network that connects the Municipality of Matnog to the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena. It is very significant since it is the only road which makes the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena accessible to the rest of Sorsogon.

Albeit a fifth-class municipality, Sta. Magdalena is blessed with natural beauty through its white and pink sand beaches that will certainly boost the tourism and economic activity of the small town. The economic development of an area lies on its quality road networks as these help in the movement of goods and labor. Moreover, improved roads bring government services closer to people. Thus, a well-kept road is highly needed in order to improve the lives of our constituents, especially the residents of Sta. Magdalena.

The Provincial Government of Sorsogon maintains the 4.64-kilometer Sta. Magdalena Road but its limited resources impede it from sufficiently allocating annually what this vital road network actually needs for its maintenance.

This bill seeks to convert the Jct. Sulangan-Bigo Sta. Magdalena Road into a National Road so that its maintenance shall be efficiently handled by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) with sufficient funding from the national government.

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

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ATTY. WOWO FORTES
Representative
Second District, Province of Sorsogon

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION (JCT.)
SULANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG TO BARANGAY BIGO,
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MAGDALENA, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF
SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in the 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 technical description of the road comprises the road centerline coordinates strategically located to identify the road stretch of the road section. The road section starts from K0640 + 714 of Daang Maharlika National Road, Municipality of Matnog marked as Sta. 0 +000, and ends at Sta. 4 +640, Municipality of Sta. Magdalena.

Station	Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)	Distance (m.)
Sta. 0 +000	12°36'19.91"N,124° 3'47.06"E	0
Sta. 0 +367	12°36'30.40"N,124° 3'52.85"E	367
Sta. 0 +713	12°36'40.12"N,124° 3'58.51"E	713
Sta. 1 +140	12°36'48.43"N,124° 4'9.63"E	1,140
Sta. 1 +621	12°36'54.21"N,124° 4'24.44"E	1,621
Sta. 1 +740	12°36'55.59"N,124° 4'28.10"E	1,740
Sta. 2 +077	12°37'2.40"N,124° 4'36.11"E	2,077
Sta. 2 +352	12°37'4.85"N,124° 4'43.92"E	2,352

Sta. 2 +838	12°37'15.25"N,124° 4'54.94"E	2,838
Sta. 3 +386	12°37'29.17"N,124° 5'6.24"E	3,386
Sta. 3 +659	12°37'35.11"N,124° 5'12.95"E	3,659
Sta. 3 +863	12°37'40.47"N,124° 5'15.41"E	3,863
Sta. 4 +245	12°37'43.41"N,124° 5'26.74"E	4,245
Sta. 4 +640	12°37'47.39"N,124° 5'38.04"E	4,640

SEC. 3. 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. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,