



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



TWENTIETH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill provides for the establishment of a national highway from Barangay Lavigan, Municipality of Governor Generoso to Barangay Dawan, City of Mati, both in the Province of Davao Oriental, connecting the Tibanban – Lavigan National Secondary Road and the President Diosdado P. Macapagal National Highway. It aims to achieve a tripartite goal of a) connecting three clustered barangays separated from the city proper; b) connect two existing national roads; and c) create a road to link two major areas of Davao Oriental.

The City of Mati, Davao Oriental's capital, is a fast-developing city with a population close to 300,000 people. It is a popular destination owing to its numerous tourist destinations, well-established educational institutions, and existing industrial centers such as the Industrial Technopark established by the Philippine Export Zone Authority (PEZA). It is often the host of regional conventions, conferences, national government exams, seminars, and other similar gatherings. Meanwhile, the Municipality of Governor Generoso is a second-class municipality composed of twenty (20) barangays with a population of more or less 60,000 citizens. Composed of beautiful coastal terrains, it boasts of several tourist destinations which include the Calvary Hill, Pink Beach and Parola at Cape San Agustin. There is frequent travel and movement to and from both places owing to numerous business transactions, delivery of goods, educational purposes and leisure. However, there is no existing road directly linking the two areas, and travel to and from both places becomes arduous, expensive, and time consuming. This bill seeks to

create a national road linking the two locales to facilitate the easy movement of people and products.

Further, the City of Mati is composed of 26 barangays, 23 of which are contiguously located around the city proper while the other three – Barangays Lanca, Luban, and Cabuaya – are clustered and located approximately 120 kilometers away. As there are no direct roads to the city proper, constituents from these barangays needing to go to the center of Mati have to travel roughly two and a half hours via the Tibanban- Lavigan National Secondary Road, which passes through the Municipality of Governor Generoso. With the passage of this bill, a national road connecting the said national secondary road and the Diosdado P. Macapagal National Highway will be created, effectively joining all the barangays of the City of Mati and eliminating the need to pass through the other municipalities.

A similar version of this bill was previously filed by Hon. Joel Mayo Z. Almario during the 17th and 18th Congresses, was previously filed by this representation during the 19th Congress. Support for this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM BARANGAY LAVIGAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR GENEROSO TO BARANGAY DAWAN,
CITY OF MATI, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL,
CONNECTING THE TIBANBAN - LAVIGAN NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND
THE PRESIDENT DIOSDADO P. MACAPAGAL NATIONAL HIGHWAY,
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** - A national highway from Barangay Lavigan, Municipality of
2 Governor Generoso to Barangay Dawan, City of Mati, both in the Province of Davao
3 Oriental, connecting the Tibanban - Lavigan National Secondary Road and the President
4 Diosdado Macapagal National Highway is hereby established under the supervision of the
5 Department of Public Works and Highways.

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7 **SECTION 2.** - The amount necessary for the construction of the national highway
8 shall be charged to the current appropriation of the Department of Public Works and
9 Highways. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of
10 the national highway shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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12 **SECTION 3.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
13 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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15 *Approved.*