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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Bataan is a rapidly growing industrial and logistics corridor in Central Luzon, strategically located along the western coast of Luzon and in close proximity to Metro Manila, the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, and the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge project. It is home to key manufacturing zones, economic hubs, and energy infrastructure, making it a vital provincial center for the movement of goods and services.

With the steady rise of commercial and industrial activity, the province faces increasing demand for resilient and accessible road infrastructure that supports inter-municipal travel, emergency response, and the efficient flow of products across sectors. The roads proposed for conversion under this measure are critical connectors within Bataan's first and third legislative districts. These roads serve as alternate and feeder routes to national highways and expressways, enable disaster evacuation and mobility, support daily commerce and logistics for enterprises and economic locators, and link underserved barangays to town centers, public markets, and essential health and education facilities.

This proposal is anchored on Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Department Order No. 133, s. 2018, which sets the standards for road conversion. The roads proposed meet these standards as they connect major national infrastructure to national and secondary roads, divert traffic from congested city and municipal centers, or serve as tourism service corridors.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING CERTAIN LOCAL ROADS IN THE PROVINCE OF
BATAAN INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “Bataan Roads Conversion Act of 2025.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - It is the policy of the State to promote national connectivity and economic development through the improvement and expansion of the national road network. In line with this, roads that serve inter-municipal, regional, and strategic functions shall be integrated into the system.

SECTION 3. Conversion into National Roads. - The following local roads in the Province of Bataan are hereby converted into national roads and placed under the jurisdiction, administration, and maintenance of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH):

- a. **Culis Diversion Road**, Hermosa – 0.609 km
- b. **Mulawin–Tala Road**, Orani – 14.727 km
- c. **Calaylayan–Catmon Road**, Abucay – 2.446 km
- d. **Palihan–Mabiga Road**, Hermosa – 7.500 km

SECTION 4. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) under the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Department of Public Works and Highways shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,