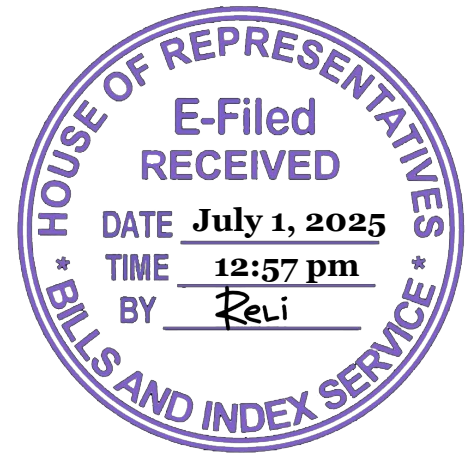


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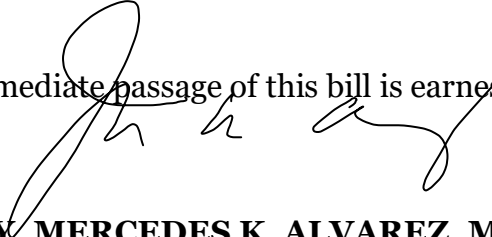
This bill seeks to convert the local road stretching from Barangay Camingawan and Barangay Carol-an in the City of Kabankalan in the Province of Negros Occidental, and connecting it with the Municipality of Tayasan, Province of Negros Oriental, into a national road.

National roads, according to the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, are arguably the Philippines' most valuable public asset. All over the world, the most livable, productive and climate-friendly cities are those where visitors and residents are able to move around efficiently and safely without reliance solely on a private motor vehicle.¹

Functioning as both a transportation and commercial artery between the provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental, the local road experiences a high volume of daily vehicular traffic, which has significantly contributed to its current state of deterioration. Given the limited financial resources of the concerned local government units, sustained repair and maintenance efforts have proven challenging. Consequently, there is a pressing need to convert the local road into a national road to ensure its proper upkeep and continued serviceability, with the help of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

¹ *National roads should serve all Filipinos.* (n.d.). <https://www.pids.gov.ph/details/news/in-the-news/national-roads-should-serve-all-filipinos>

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



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CONNECTING IT WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYASAN, PROVINCE
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. The local road stretching from Barangay Camingawan and Barangay
2 Carol-an in the City of Kabankalan, Province of Negros Occidental and connecting with
3 the Municipality of Tayasan, Province of Negros Oriental, is hereby converted into a
4 national road.

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6 Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall
7 include in the program of the department the improvement, repair, and maintenance
8 of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General
9 Appropriations Act.

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11 Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the
12 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,