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HOUSE BILL NO. 1070



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

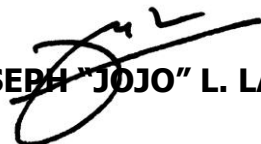
This bill seeks to address the perennial problem in the management and maintenance of roads such as, but not limited to, bypass/diversion roads, bypass road extensions, farm to market roads, road links and all other unclassified roads whose construction were funded by the national government but are now left without a specific caretaker and are now subject to deterioration due to wear and tear over time.

Over the years, a number of laws, executive orders and department orders have been created with particular reference to the country's road classification system, criteria for classification for national and local roads and road conversion. These laws or orders were based from the necessity during the period of its implementation and were modified through time, the latest of which is the DPWH Department Order No. 133, series of 2018 or the Current Road Classification System.

But even with these modifications, the reality still remains that the management and maintenance of roads for some DPWH projects are in limbo. This goes for roads traversing various cities or municipalities such as bypass roads, bypass road extensions and road links; stretches of roads connecting rural or agricultural areas such as farm to market roads; and all other unclassified roads which are now neglected due to the fact that nobody is taking responsibility for their upkeep and maintenance making them susceptible to damage. Local government units are pointing fingers on who should shoulder the maintenance cost and some simply don't have the financial capability to do so.

This bill will solve this problem and with the road maintenance taken care off, we can utilize and enjoy these roads for a long period of time.

With the above-mentioned considerations, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CLASSIFYING ALL ROADS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BYPASS/DIVERSION ROADS, BYPASS ROAD EXTENSIONS, FARM TO MARKET ROADS, ROAD LINKS AND ALL OTHER UNCLASSIFIED ROADS FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT 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 National Road Conversion Act.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared that the policy of the state to provide concrete roads and take charge of its maintenance in support of the implementation and promotion of comprehensive rural and urban development to accelerate the socio-economic-cultural development of the countryside.

SECTION 3. Conversion to National Roads. – All roads such as, but not limited to, bypass/diversion roads, bypass road extensions, farm to market roads, road links and all other unclassified roads whose construction were funded and implemented by the national government be classified/converted into national roads under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 4. Coverage. – This Act shall cover roads such as, but not limited to, bypass roads, bypass road extensions, farm to market roads, road links and all other unclassified roads which are already existing, currently under construction and those to be constructed by the DPWH all over the country.

SECTION 5. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's programs the improvement, maintenance and repair of said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended 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,