

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 2671



Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill mirrors the same bill approved on third reading in the 19th Congress of the House of Representatives, transmitted to the Senate and subsequently deliberated on in February 2025.

Dominador Gomez was a Filipino doctor, labor leader and member of the First Philippine Assembly. He was a nephew of Father Mariano Gomez, one of the three priests, also known as GOMBURZA, who were executed in 1872 for the false accusation of organizing the Cavite Mutiny. He studied medicine in the University of Santo Tomas but left for Spain in 1887 to finish his medical degree and obtain his medical license from the University of Barcelona.

While pursuing his doctorate degree in Madrid, he actively participated in the propaganda movement and contributed to *La Solidaridad*, using the pen name Ramiro Franco. After his return to the Philippines, he assumed the leadership of the Union Obrera Democratica, launching strikes against American companies in Manila. He led the first Labor Day celebration but was also arrested on the same day, May 1, 1903, for sedition, illegal association, and aiding the anti-US resistance.

He regained his freedom by facilitating the surrender of Macario Sakay to the American Insular Government in 1906. Thereafter, he was elected to the Philippine Assembly representing the City of Manila's First District, in 1907, 1908 and 1911. On April 8, 1908, while Gomez was a

member, the Philippine Assembly passed a bill making the first day of May as Labor Day, a national holiday.

Dominador Gomez was an agent of change during our country's turbulent times. He is an epitome of patriotism and love of country, as a revolutionary, as a labor leader, and as one of the first lawmakers in our country. It is with pride that one of the new diversion roads in Ormoc City be named the Dominador Gomez Diversion Road.

In view of the foregoing, the early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
NAMING THE ROAD COMMENCING FROM BARANGAY SAN JUAN AT THE
ORMOC CITY DIVERSION ROAD, TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN JUAN, LAO,
AND NAUNGAN UNTIL IT ADJOINS THE NAUNGAN COASTAL ROAD IN THE
CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AS THE DR. DOMINADOR GOMEZ
DIVERSION ROAD

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

SECTION 1. The road commencing from Barangay San Juan at the Ormoc City Diversion Road, traversing barangays San Juan, Lao, and Naungan until it adjoins the Naungan Coastal Road in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, is hereby named as the Dr. Dominador Gomez Diversion Road.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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

Approved,