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HOUSE BILL NO. **2868**



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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Barcelona-Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section) is a 10.70-kilometer road that starts from Brgy. Poblacion Sur, Barcelona, Sorsogon and ends at Brgy. Sta. Lourdes, Barcelona, Sorsogon. The aforementioned road serves as the shortest thoroughfare between the municipalities of Barcelona and Casiguran, providing a reliable passageway heavily traversed by local residents. The road contributes to the constituency's access to social, economic, health, education and government services, demonstrating its importance to the people of Sorsogon.

Currently, the Barcelona-Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section) is categorized as a local road. Hence, its maintenance falls under the responsibility of the Provincial Government of Sorsogon. However, the road is not fully maximized due to the limitations of the local government for its maintenance and rehabilitation.

This bill, therefore, seeks to convert the 10.70-kilometer Barcelona-Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section) into a National Road. The conversion would ensure proper and efficient maintenance by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), providing a reliable thoroughfare for Sorsogonans, and enabling more growth and development throughout the province.

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

  
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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY  
POBLACION SUR TO BARANGAY STA. LOURDES, MUNICIPALITY OF  
BARCELONA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON (BARCELONA-CASIGURAN  
DIVERSION ROAD) INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The 10.70-kilometer road stretching from Brgy. Poblacion Sur to Brgy. Sta. Lourdes, Municipality of Barcelona, otherwise known as the Barcelona - Casiguran Diversion Road (Barcelona Section), Province of Sorsogon is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. The technical description of the road comprises the road centerline coordinates strategically located to identify the road stretch of the road section. The road section starts from K0608 + 370 of Ariman – Bulusan Lake National Road, Municipality of Barcelona marked as Sta. 0 + 000, and ends at Sta. 10 +700.

<b>Station</b>	<b>Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)</b>	<b>Distance (m.)</b>
Sta. 0 +000	12°51'46.66"N,124° 8'48.02"E	0
Sta. 0 +131	12°51'42.64"N,124° 8'46.68"E	131
Sta. 0 +327	12°51'37.12"N,124° 8'43.55"E	327
Sta. 0 +533	12°51'32.23"N,124° 8'39.00"E	533
Sta. 0 +691	12°51'28.25"N,124° 8'35.84"E	691

Sta. 0 +969	12°51'20.19"N,124° 8'31.75"E	969
Sta. 1 +204	12°51'12.79"N,124° 8'30.25"E	1,204
Sta. 1 +537	12°51'4.87"N,124° 8'23.75"E	1,537
Sta. 1 +905	12°51'1.32"N,124° 8'18.32"E	1,905
Sta. 2 +141	12°50'58.07"N,124° 8'5.98"E	2,141
Sta. 2 +350	12°50'55.70"N,124° 7'59.59"E	2,350
Sta. 2 +546	12°50'54.47"N,124° 7'53.39"E	2,546
Sta. 2 +772	12°50'49.62"N,124° 7'47.96"E	2,772
Sta. 2 +985	12°50'46.01"N,124° 7'42.12"E	2,985
Sta. 3 +173	12°50'43.38"N,124° 7'36.98"E	3,173
Sta. 3 +427	12°50'42.31"N,124° 7'28.70"E	3,427
Sta. 3 +650	12°50'42.56"N,124° 7'21.92"E	3,650
Sta. 3 +919	12°50'42.11"N,124° 7'13.64"E	3,919
Sta. 4 +195	12°50'36.78"N,124° 7'6.43"E	4,195
Sta. 4 +751	12°50'29.98"N,124° 6'49.63"E	4,751
Sta. 5 +025	12°50'24.82"N,124° 6'42.38"E	5,025
Sta. 5 +297	12°50'19.57"N,124° 6'35.25"E	5,297
Sta. 5 +550	12°50'13.88"N,124° 6'29.26"E	5,550
Sta. 5 +755	12°50'9.79"N,124° 6'23.98"E	5,755
Sta. 5 +986	12°50'4.47"N,124° 6'18.74"E	5,986
Sta. 6 +232	12°50'1.02"N,124° 6'11.54"E	6,232
Sta. 6 +520	12°49'53.73"N,124° 6'6.08"E	6,520
Sta. 6 +809	12°49'47.74"N,124° 5'59.17"E	6,809
Sta. 7 +125	12°49'41.23"N,124° 5'51.15"E	7,125
Sta. 7 +409	12°49'36.62"N,124° 5'43.24"E	7,409
Sta. 7 +608	12°49'32.02"N,124° 5'38.87"E	7,608
Sta. 7 +823	12°49'26.89"N,124° 5'34.91"E	7,823
Sta. 8 +152	12°49'29.06"N,124° 5'24.65"E	8,152
Sta. 8 +426	12°49'25.77"N,124° 5'17.08"E	8,426

Sta. 8 +767	12°49'17.84"N,124° 5'9.43"E	8,767
Sta. 9 +033	12°49'12.65"N,124° 5'2.56"E	9,033
Sta. 9 +337	12°49'6.18"N,124° 4'55.16"E	9,337
Sta. 9 +729	12°48'59.18"N,124° 4'45.87"E	9,729
Sta. 10 +007	12°48'53.73"N,124° 4'39.62"E	10,007
Sta. 10 +302	12°48'46.45"N,124° 4'33.45"E	10,302
Sta. 10 +432	12°48'48.24"N,124° 4'30.90"E	10,432
Sta. 10 +700	12°48'53.52"N,124° 4'24.44"E	10,700

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*