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HOUSE BILL NO. **2872**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Junction Sulangan-Bigo-Sta. Magdalena Road is a 4.64-kilometer road network that connects the Municipality of Matnog to the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena in the Second District of Sorsogon. At present, it is the only road that enables the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena to be accessible to the rest of Sorsogon, highlighting its significance to its economy. Albeit a fifth-class municipality, Sta. Magdalena is blessed with natural beauty thanks to its white and pink sand beaches, providing economic activity through tourism to an otherwise small town.

Currently, the aforementioned road is maintained by the Provincial Government of Sorsogon. However, the local government's limited resources prevent it from receiving sufficient upkeep necessary for its maintenance. This poses a problem to the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena, as the road acts as its lifeblood through its economic value and enables the movement of the citizens of Sta. Magdalena to and from the rest of Sorsogon.

This bill, therefore, seeks to convert the 4.64-kilometer Jct. Sulangan-Bigo-Sta. Magdalena Road into a National Road. The conversion would ensure that its maintenance shall be properly and efficiently handled by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), thereby guaranteeing the main thoroughfare between Sta. Magdalena and the rest of Sorsogon is well-kept, benefiting the Municipality and its citizens.

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


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION (JCT.)
SULANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG TO BARANGAY BIGO,
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MAGDALENA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON 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 road stretching from Jct. Sulangan, Municipality of Matnog to Brgy. Bigo, Municipality of Sta. Magdalena, 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 K0640 + 714 of Daang Maharlika National Road, Municipality of Matnog marked as Sta. 0 +000, and ends at Sta. 4 +640, Municipality of Sta. Magdalena.

Station	Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)	Distance (m.)
Sta. 0 +000	12°36'19.91"N,124° 3'47.06"E	0
Sta. 0 +367	12°36'30.40"N,124° 3'52.85"E	367
Sta. 0 +713	12°36'40.12"N,124° 3'58.51"E	713
Sta. 1 +140	12°36'48.43"N,124° 4'9.63"E	1,140
Sta. 1 +621	12°36'54.21"N,124° 4'24.44"E	1,621

Sta. 1 +740	12°36'55.59"N,124° 4'28.10"E	1,740
Sta. 2 +077	12°37'2.40"N,124° 4'36.11"E	2,077
Sta. 2 +352	12°37'4.85"N,124° 4'43.92"E	2,352
Sta. 2 +838	12°37'15.25"N,124° 4'54.94"E	2,838
Sta. 3 +386	12°37'29.17"N,124° 5'6.24"E	3,386
Sta. 3 +659	12°37'35.11"N,124° 5'12.95"E	3,659
Sta. 3 +863	12°37'40.47"N,124° 5'15.41"E	3,863
Sta. 4 +245	12°37'43.41"N,124° 5'26.74"E	4,245
Sta. 4 +640	12°37'47.39"N,124° 5'38.04"E	4,640

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,