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HOUSE BILL NO. 3189



Introduced by REP. EMILIO BERNARDINO L. YULO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

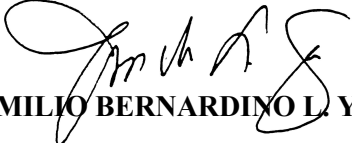
This bill seeks the conversion of a 22.74-kilometer provincial road, beginning at Crossing Magallon and traversing the Poblacion of Moises Padilla, Barangay Magallon Cadre, and Barangay Guinpanaan in the Municipality of Moises Padilla, and extending to Barangays Cabacungan and Biak-na-Bato in the Municipality of La Castellana, into a Secondary National Road.

The road serves as a vital connector between the municipalities of Moises Padilla and La Castellana, two of the most densely populated areas in the Fifth District of Negros Occidental. It also links the area to Canlaon City in Negros Oriental, offering access to Mt. Canlaon, a notable ecological and tourism site.

The Municipality of La Castellana relies on this route to transport its agricultural produce across the province. Moises Padilla, on the other hand, is an agricultural hub engaged in sugarcane, rice, and banana farming. The current road facilitates the economic activity between these towns and their neighboring areas.

Upgrading the status of this provincial road to a Secondary National Road will strengthen regional connectivity, boost local trade and commerce, and stimulate development in the barangays along the route. More importantly, it will enhance the delivery of essential social services, expand livelihood opportunities, and support long-term economic growth in the region.

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


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD SITUATED IN THE CROSSING MAGALLON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOISES PADILLA AND BIAK-NA-BATO, LA CASTELLANA, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the policy of the State to improve and promote development in the rural areas of the country through the construction and upgrading of integrated inter-regional and inter-provincial roads that will strengthen the transport network and ensure the efficient delivery of goods and services to the people.

SEC. 2. *Conversion into a National Road.* The provincial road from Crossing Magallon, Municipality of Moises Padilla, connecting to the provincial road in Biak-na-Bato, Municipality of La Castellana, both located in the Province of Negros Occidental and covering a distance of approximately twenty-two and seventy-four hundredths (22.74) linear kilometers, is hereby converted into a secondary national road.

This secondary national road shall hereafter be known as the "Crossing Magallon (Moises Padilla) – Biak-na-Bato (La Castellana) National Road."

SEC. 3. *Implementation and Appropriations.* The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance,

and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or the Official Gazette.

Approved,