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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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House Bill No. 3277



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Introduced by Representative LORENZ R. DEFENSOR

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

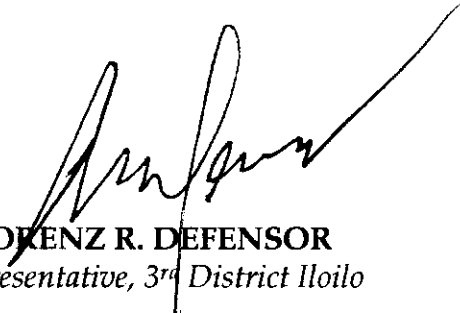
This bill seeks to convert the Mina-Badiangan Diversion Road interconnecting the east of Panay Island from the Province of Antique leading all the way to the municipality of Dumangas in Iloilo as a National Road in line with President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.'s goal to promote more farm-to-market roads in the country.

According to the Department of Agriculture's 2020 Agricultural Performance Report, Western Visayas is the third largest rice producing region in the country contributing 11.90% to the national production while the Province of Iloilo is the major source of palay in the region accounting to 43% of its total rice production.

With the Mina-Badiangan Diversion Road, travel time and access to far-flung barangays in the Province will be faster, making it easier for farmers to transport agricultural products at lesser cost which can help in boosting the region's agro-industrial economy. Moreover, the Mina-Badiangan Diversion Road is a critical road network that links the east of Panay Island to the seaport of Dumangas, Iloilo necessary for efficient transport of goods and services within the island.

The conversion of the Mina-Badiangan Diversion Road to a National Road is vital in promoting safety and easing mobility of people, goods and services across the Province especially for the local farmers.

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



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINA-BADIANGAN DIVERSION ROAD IN  
THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **Section 1.** The Mina-Badiangan Diversion Road stretching from Jct. Iloilo  
2 Capiz Old Route K0041+850 Mapili Grande-Manaolan, Badiangan-Mina Jct. Pototan-  
3 Mina-Janiuay Rd K0036+065 and Jct. Pototan-Mina-Janiuay Rd. K0036+540 to Jct.  
4 Casalsagan, Iloilo Capiz Rd. K0023+840, consisting of twenty-seven kilometers  
5 (27.00), more or less, interconnecting Janiuay, Badiangan, Mina and Pototan in the  
6 Province of Iloilo is hereby converted into a national road.

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8           **Sec. 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall  
9 include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of  
10 the Mina-Badiangan Diversion Road with its funding included in the annual General  
11 Appropriations Act.

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13           **Sec. 3.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in  
14 at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

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16           *Approved.*  
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