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HOUSE BILL NO. 3288



Introduced by
HON. NELSON R. DAYANGHIRANG, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Highway Junction Santiago–Pusan Point Road traverses the Municipality of Caraga in the Province of Davao Oriental, providing a crucial link between the Surigao del Sur Boundary–Davao Oriental Coastal Road and the easternmost landmark of the Philippines—Pusan Point. This road directly serves several barangays, connecting communities to essential public services, schools, markets, and economic centers.

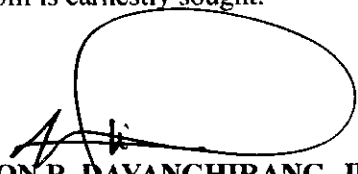
The road provides a more convenient and safer transport facility to the riding public, reducing travel time and improving accessibility. It is particularly important in times of emergencies or calamities when alternate access routes are needed. Furthermore, its development supports increased economic activity in barangay areas, particularly by improving connectivity to tourist destinations and agricultural production zones.

Pusan Point is a site of historical, cultural, and tourism significance, being the first area in the Philippines to witness the sunrise and home to the Pusan Point Heritage Park and Lighthouse. The road serves as a gateway to this tourism hub, encouraging local economic growth, creating job opportunities, and enhancing the mobility of both locals and tourists.

At present, however, the road remains under local jurisdiction and lacks adequate funding and technical support for long-term maintenance and improvement. Its conversion into a national road would place it under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), enabling sustainable upgrades including pavement improvement, drainage, slope protection, and signage installation.

This measure supports the national commitment to improving rural infrastructure, enhancing regional tourism, and promoting inclusive growth across geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

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


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AN ACT DECLARING THE HIGHWAY JUNCTION SANTIAGO – PUSAN POINT ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARAGA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AS A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS CONVERSION, MAINTENANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* — This Act shall be known as the “Santiago–Pusan Point National Road Act.”

SEC. 2. *Establishment* — The Highway Junction Santiago – Pusan Point Road in the Municipality of Caraga, Province of Davao Oriental is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SEC. 3. *Appropriations* — 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. *Separability Clause* - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect,

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,