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HOUSE BILL NO. 3290



Introduced by
HON. NELSON R. DAYANGHIRANG, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

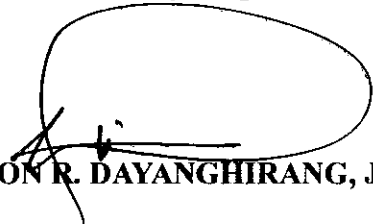
The Baganga Diversion Road, located in the Municipality of Baganga, Province of Davao Oriental is an essential alternate route to decongest traffic along the Poblacion Center of the Municipality of Baganga, especially during peak hours and local events. Its strategic alignment also significantly boosts the tourism industry in the province, as it leads to various declared tourism destinations in the Municipality—such as Carolina Lake, Languyon Beach and Mangrove Park, Playa del Rosario, and several other beach resorts located in Barangay Salingcomot.

Given the municipality's vulnerability to natural hazards such as typhoons and flooding, the diversion road serves a crucial role in emergency response, evacuation, and continuity of transport during calamities. It also supports local economic activities, particularly the movement of agricultural products and marine resources from the upland and coastal communities to markets and distribution points.

Despite its strategic value, the road remains under local jurisdiction and is constrained by limited funding and maintenance capacity. By converting the Baganga Diversion Road into a national road, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) can assume full responsibility for its improvement, upgrading, and long-term maintenance. This includes the construction of disaster-resilient infrastructure, enhanced drainage systems, and road safety features necessary to meet the standards of a national road.

This legislative measure is aligned with the national policy to enhance regional connectivity, promote inclusive growth, and improve access to critical services and markets in geographically disadvantaged areas.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE BAGANGA DIVERSION ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BAGANGA, 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 "Baganga National Road Act."

SEC. 2. *Establishment* — The Baganga Diversion Road in the Municipality of Baganga, 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,