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2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
3 Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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5 **TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
6 First Regular Session  
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9 **HOUSE BILL NO. 3318**



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12 Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO  
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15 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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17 This bill seeks to convert the circumferential road in Poro Island, traversing the  
18 municipalities of Poro and Tudela, Province of Cebu, into a national road.  
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20 The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 5757 and House Bill No. 7761, which  
21 were previously filed in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, respectively. In both Congresses, the same  
22 were referred to the House Committee on Public Works. However, up to the present, the proposal  
23 has not materialized.  
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25 An improved road network plays an important role in the socio-economic development of  
26 a locality. Investment in roads reduces the travel time of people and makes the transport of products  
27 and services more efficient. The significant influx of local and foreign tourists in the Camotes  
28 Group of Islands, particularly to see and enjoy the Municipality of Pilar's picturesque views,  
29 sugary-white beaches, and pristine waters has contributed to the vibrant tourism industry in the  
30 area. However, to sustain and further promote the tourism activities in the Municipality of Pilar,  
31 the improvement and maintenance of the roads in the island must be done regularly to address the  
32 need for increased mobility of people and goods. Converting the circumferential road into a  
33 national road will ensure sufficient funding for its repair, expansion, and maintenance.  
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35 Aside from the boost that the tourism industry will get due to the improved roads in the  
36 area, the conversion of the circumferential road in Ponson Island into a national road will also  
37 complement the efforts of the government to improve the country's road networks in order to  
38 provide the public with faster and easier access to basic services.  
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40 In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.  
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15 **AN ACT**  
16 **CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PONSON ISLAND OF THE**  
17 **CAMOTES GROUP OF ISLANDS, TRAVERSING THE BARANGAYS OF THE**  
18 **MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND**  
19 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**  
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21 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*  
22 *assembled:*  
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24 Section 1. The circumferential road in Ponson Island of the Camotes Group of Islands,  
25 traversing the barangays of the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Cebu, is converted into a national  
26 road.  
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28 Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include  
29 in the Department's program, the repair, maintenance and improvement of the national road, the  
30 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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32 Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official  
33 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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35 Approved,  
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