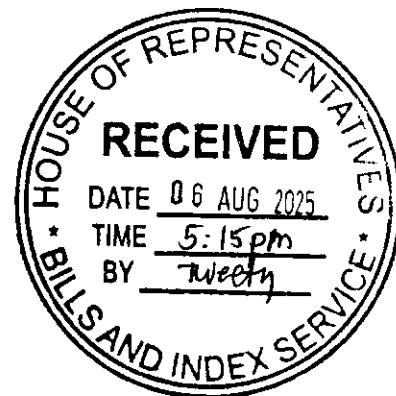


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13 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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16 This bill seeks to convert the circumferential road in Poro Island, traversing the
17 municipalities of Poro and Tudela, Province of Cebu, into a national road.
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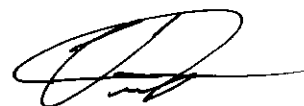
19 The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 5755 and House Bill No. 7762, which
20 were previously filed in the 18th and 19th Congress, respectively. In both Congresses, the same
21 were referred to the House Committee on Public Works. However, up to the present, the proposal
22 has not materialized.
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24 The predominant farming and fishing industries in the municipalities of Poro and Tudela
25 are gradually being relegated to secondary sources of livelihood by the fastest growing tourism in
26 the area. Public and private beaches, caves and waterfalls, diving and snorkeling sites abound
27 alongside the popular Buho Rock, Greenlake Park, Mt. Calvary, and Lake Danao.
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29 Thus, a good and reliable land transport network is vital to rural development and reliable
30 land transport network is vital to rural development and is a great part in the stimulation and
31 promotion of economic growth. While virtual connectivity has become the norm in urban
32 development, improving the road network is vital to rural development. Improved road pavements
33 will help reduce the distance between the people, markets, services and information. Further, well-
34 maintained road networks will reduce difficulties in the transportation of goods.
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36 There is a strong positive correlation between the economic development and the quality
37 of its road network. The Provincial Government of Cebu made significant efforts to improve road
38 network in the islands over the past few years. Nevertheless, the rapid influx of domestic and
39 foreign visitors made it imperative to hasten the improvement of this network.
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41 In view of the foregoing, the conversion of the above-described circumferential road into
42 a national road is earnestly sought.
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15 **AN ACT**
16 **CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PORO ISLAND, TRAVERSING**
17 **THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PORO AND TUDELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A**
18 **NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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20 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
21 *assembled:*
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23 Section 1. The circumferential road in Poro Island, traversing the municipalities of Poro
24 and Tudela, Province of Cebu, is hereby converted into a national road.
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26 Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include
27 in the Department's program, the repair, maintenance and improvement of the national road, the
28 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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30 Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official
31 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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33 Approved,
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