



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3892



Introduced by **Representative Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Alejo Alvarez Street in Zamboanga City runs parallel to the Pan-Philippine Highway, also known as the Maharlika Highway. It is situated just a five-minute walk from the R. T. Lim Boulevard Viewing Deck, a scenic destination offering panoramic views of the waterfront. The street is also located near Zamboanga City Seaport – Gate 1, a vital entry point for both cargo and passenger traffic in the region.

Strategically positioned, this road has become a hub of vibrant commercial activity. Numerous micro-enterprises, small vendors, and emerging local businesses thrive along its stretch, serving the daily needs of cargo drivers and motorists. With adequate support, infrastructure, and investment, Alejo Alvarez Street has the potential to become a vital economic corridor, contributing significantly to the city's inclusive growth and ultimately to the country's gross domestic product.

At present, however, the street suffers from inadequate infrastructure and the recurring problem of large container trucks occupying its sidewalks while waiting for ferry clearance. While this has created logistical challenges, it also underscores the street's dual role, not only as a staging area for port-bound goods but also as an alternative route to ease the intense traffic congestion in Zamboanga City's urban core.

With proper funding and infrastructural improvements, Alejo Alvarez Street may be transformed into a thriving, income-generating transport corridor. Enhancing access, widening lanes, and developing appropriate facilities will help attract more businesses and create safer, more efficient road conditions for both motorists and pedestrians.

This legislative measure proposes the conversion of Alejo Alvarez Street into a national road, placing it under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Such a designation would ensure the street's inclusion in national infrastructure programs and secure funding for its maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety improvements.

The proposal is consistent with the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan 2023–2028, which aims to reduce road crashes, improve traffic flow, and enhance overall road safety nationwide. As a key transit point for travelers and transporters heading to various provinces across the Zamboanga Peninsula, improving this route is both timely and strategic.

In support of the national government's goal of building a safe, secure, reliable, efficient, and affordable transport system, this measure seeks to create a more accessible, economically vibrant, and safer environment for the people of the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

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



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **CONVERTING THE ALEJO ALVAREZ STREET IN ZAMBOANGA CITY**
3 **CONNECTING THE JUNCTION OF THE LABUAN LIMPAPA**
4 **HIGHWAY IN SAN JOSE SECTION TO THE JUNCTION OF R.T. LIM**
5 **BOULEVARD, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING**
6 **FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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11 SECTION 1. The Alejo Alvarez Street in Zamboanga City connecting the
12 junction of the Labuan Limpapa Highway in San Jose Section to the junction of
13 R.T. Lim Boulevard, is hereby converted into a national road.

14 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
15 Department's program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of the said road,
16 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
18 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,