

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3999



Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE PANTAO – JOVELLAR ROAD TRAVERSING THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF LIBON, OAS, GUINOBATAN, LIGAO CITY, AND
JOVELLAR IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

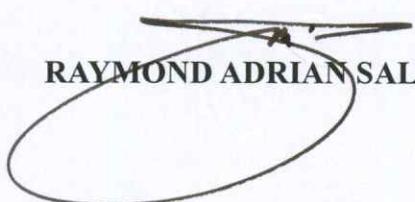
This bill seeks to convert the **Pantao – Jovellar Road**, traversing the municipalities of **Libon, Oas, Guinobatan, Ligao City, and Jovellar in the Province of Albay**, into a **national road** under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The conversion of this 50.868-kilometer road, with a twenty (20)-meter right-of-way, will ensure sustainable national government funding for its improvement, repair, and maintenance. The Pantao – Jovellar Road, also known as the **Hangin Road**, is a strategic corridor that links **Pantao Port in Libon, the Bicol International Airport in Daraga, and major strategic sites hosting more than 860 megawatts (MW) in renewable energy projects**. It further connects key agricultural, coastal, and upland areas of the 3rd District of Albay, providing direct access to the upland municipality of Jovellar and serving as a backbone for both economic activity and disaster response.

By converting the Pantao – Jovellar Road into a national road, this measure will not only decongest existing routes and promote more efficient transport of goods and services, but also solidify the infrastructure backbone that integrates the province's coastal gateway, air

transport hub, and renewable energy corridor. This is critical to sustaining Albay's role as a logistics and energy hub in the Bicol Region.

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



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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National Road.* The Pantao – Jovellar Road, traversing the municipalities of Libon, Oas, Guinobatan, Ligao City, and Jovellar in the Province of Albay, with a total length of fifty and 868/1000 (50.868) kilometers and a right-of-way width of twenty (20) meters, is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SEC. 2. *Inclusion in the DPWH Road Program.* 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 for such shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules.* The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,