

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

Twentieth Congress  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **4000**



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Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR – ALBAY DIVERSION ROAD**  
**TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIBON, OAS, GUINOBATAN, LIGAO**  
**CITY, AND CAMALIG IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL**  
**ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

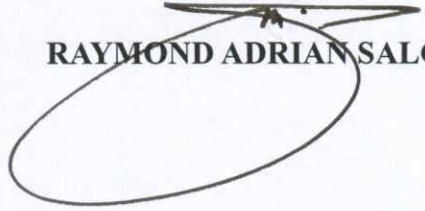
Roads are vital arteries of economic activity, social mobility, and regional integration. In particular, diversion roads serve as crucial bypasses that decongest town centers, reduce travel time, and ensure the continuous flow of goods and people. Their conversion into national roads strengthens the role of the State in ensuring adequate maintenance, funding, and upgrading of key infrastructure that supports regional growth.

The Camarines Sur–Albay Diversion Road, spanning 41.415 kilometers with a 20-meter right-of-way, traverses the municipalities of Libon, Oas, Guinobatan, Camalig, and the City of Ligao in the Province of Albay. This road network links major production areas of the Bicol Region, serving as a connector between Camarines Sur and Albay while also acting as a vital route for disaster response, agricultural trade, and inter-provincial mobility.

At present, maintenance and improvement of this road remain limited under local jurisdiction, with constrained funding and irregular upgrading. Converting the Camarines Sur–Albay Diversion Road into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) will guarantee sustained national funding support, regular maintenance, and continuous improvement. This will enhance road safety, expand market access for farmers, and support local economies dependent on efficient transport and logistics.

The measure will also provide a more reliable alternative route to the Maharlika Highway, reducing traffic bottlenecks and ensuring redundancy in case of disruptions caused by natural disasters, which frequently affect 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. The Camarines Sur – Albay Diversion Road, traversing the municipalities of Libon, Oas, Guinobatan, Camalig, and the City of Ligao in the Province of Albay, with a total length of 41.415 kilometers and a right-of-way width of 20 meters, is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. 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 such shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 4. 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,