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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5491



Introduced by Representative **LEONEL "JHONG" D. CENIZA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert into **national roads** the following road sections traversing the municipalities of Maco, Mawab, Pantukan, Nabunturan, and Laak in the **Second Legislative District of the Province of Davao de Oro**, including segments that connect to or traverse adjacent municipalities or provinces, as follows:

- (a) **Mawab-Maco-Maragusan Road**
- (b) **Mawab-Maco Road**
- (c) **Monkayo-Laak Road**
- (d) **Maragusan-Pantukan Road**
- (e) **Nabunturan-Laak Road**
- (f) **Laak, Davao de Oro-Bukidnon Road**
- (g) **Igangon, San Isidro, DDN-Laak, DDO Bypass Road**
- (h) **Nabunturan-New Corella-Tagum Road**
- (i) **Monkayo-Maco Road**

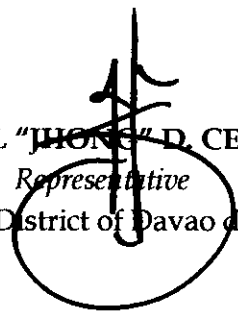
The Province of Davao de Oro, particularly the Second Legislative District, has seen significant growth in commerce, agriculture, tourism, and local industries in recent years. However, despite this upward trajectory, the full economic potential of the province remains constrained by inadequate road infrastructure, particularly in the upland and interior areas where farm-to-market access, mobility of goods, and delivery of basic services are limited.

The proposed conversion of the existing roads into national roads will not only improve connectivity across municipalities and neighboring provinces, but will also **spur socio-economic development**, open opportunities for **increased investment**, and **improve disaster response efficiency** in the entire area.

By legislating this conversion, the responsibility for maintenance, upgrading, and improvement shifts from local government units - whose budgets are often insufficient for major roadworks - to the national government through the DPWH, ensuring continuity of funding, higher technical standards, and improved road safety and mobility.

In light of this, the conversion will provide safer and faster access to markets, schools, hospitals, and economic centers, thereby directly benefiting the residents of the Second Legislative District of Davao de Oro and nearby regions.

With the foregoing premises considered, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING VARIOUS ROADS TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAWAB, MACO, LAAK, PANTUKAN, AND NABUNTURAN IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The following roads located in the Second Legislative District of the Province of Davao de Oro are converted into national roads under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways:

- (a) **Mawab-Maco-Maragusan Road**, measuring 37.931 kilometers, starting from barangays Poblacion and Nuevo Iloco of the Municipality of Mawab, traversing barangays Elizalde and New Leyte of the Municipality of Maco, ending at Barangay Paloc of the Municipality of Maragusan, providing connectivity to the Maharlika Highway (MN) and the Mawab-Maragusan-Caraga Road;
- (b) **Mawab-Maco Road**, measuring 23.442 kilometers, starting from Barangay Sawangan in the Municipality of Mawab, traversing barangays Magangit, New Asturias, Lapulapu, Anibongan, and Dumlan, and ending at Barangay Hijo, all in the Municipality of Maco, providing connectivity to the Maharlika Highway (MN) and the Surigao-Davao Coastal Road;
- (c) **Monkayo-Laak Road**, measuring 19.245 kilometers, starting from Barangay Kidawa and ending at Barangay Aguinaldo, all in the Municipality of Laak, providing connectivity to the Asuncion-Laak-Veruela Road;
- (d) **Maragusan-Pantukan Road**, measuring 51.740 kilometers, starting from Barangay Tagugpo, traversing Barangay Napnapan, and ending at Barangay Tambongon, all in the Municipality of Pantukan, providing connectivity to the Surigao-Davao Coastal Road;

- 30 (e) **Nabunturan-Laak Road**, measuring 23.470 kilometers, starting from Barangay Linda
31 in the Municipality of Nabunturan and ending at Barangay Banbanon in the
32 Municipality of Laak, providing connectivity to the Maharlika Highway (MN) and the
33 Asuncion-Laak-Veruela Road;
- 34 (f) **Laak, Davao de Oro-Bukidnon Road**, measuring 23.100 kilometers, starting from
35 Poblacion, Laak, traversing Barangays Imelda, Inakayan, and Mabuhay, and ending
36 at Barangay Panamoren, all in the Municipality of Laak, providing connectivity to the
37 Asuncion-Laak-Veruela Road and the Bukidnon-Compostela Valley Road;
- 38 (g) **Igangon, San Isidro, DDN-Laak, DDO Bypass Road**, measuring 12.100 kilometers,
39 starting from Barangay Binasbas, traversing Barangay Mangloy, and ending at
40 Barangay Imelda, all in the Municipality of Laak, providing connectivity to the
41 Asuncion-Laak-Veruela Road;
- 42 (h) **Nabunturan-New Corella-Tagum Road**, measuring 2.270 kilometers, covering the
43 section within Barangay Bayabas in the Municipality of Nabunturan, providing
44 connectivity to the Maharlika Highway (MN); and
- 45 (i) **Monkayo-Maco Road**, measuring 40.532 kilometers, starting from Barangay
46 Magading, traversing barangays Pangutosan, Cabidanan and Libasan in the
47 Municipality of Nabunturan; continuing through barangays Saosao and Nuevo Iloco
48 in the Municipality of Mawab; and further passing through barangays Limbo, Sangab,
49 New Visayas, Libaylibay, Dumlan, Concepcion, Lumatab, and ending at Barangay
50 Binuangan, all in the Municipality of Maco, providing connectivity to the Nabunturan-
51 Mainit Park Road and the Surigao-Davao Coastal Road.

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53 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's
54 program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of the roads, the funding of which shall
55 be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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

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60 *Approved,*