

TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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House Bill No. 5535

Introduced by **Representative ROMMEL RICO T. ANGARA**

**AN ACT CONVERTING BALER BYPASS ROAD IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF THE
PROVINCE OF AURORA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREOF**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to convert Baler Bypass Road in the Lone District of the Province of Aurora into a national road.

The abovementioned 3.011-kilometer bypass road project will serve as an alternative route for motorists travelling between Nueva Ecija and the northern municipalities of Aurora, as well as other provinces such as Isabela and Quirino, via the Nueva Ecija-Aurora Road and the Baler-Casiguran Road, both classified as national roads. The repair, maintenance, and improvement of this road require funding support from the National Government to better serve the communities and individuals who rely on it.

Once the proposed conversion is implemented, it will result in smoother travel and enhanced mobility, effectively solving the problem of traffic congestion in the Poblacion areas of the Municipality of Baler which serves as the capital of Aurora. With the bypass in place, the through traffic shall not have to pass through the highly congested town center of Baler. This shall provide shorter travel time and savings in transport costs. This improved accessibility is also expected to attract more business ventures and investments into the province, stimulating local economies.

In the long term, with consistent maintenance of this road—as well as other public roads and highways in Aurora—made possible through national government funding, the province will experience sustained economic growth and meaningful rural development.

In view of the foregoing, the approval 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:*

1 **Section 1.** The Baler Bypass Road in the Lone District of the Province of Aurora
2 is hereby converted into a national road;

3 **Sec. 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall
4 include in its program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said roads,
5 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

6 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,