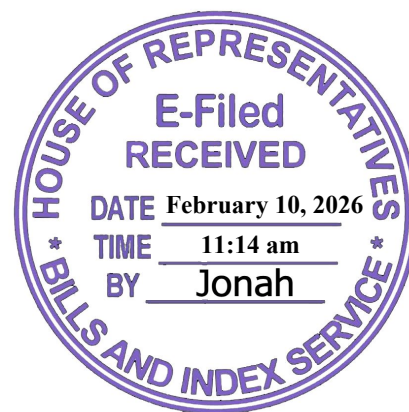




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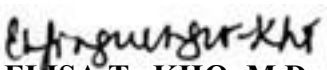
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to convert the Poblacion–Morocborocan–Guinhadap–Maglambong–Sto. Niño Road an unclassified tourism road under the jurisdiction of the DPWH First District Engineering Office in Masbate into a National Road. Guided by DPWH Department Order No. 122, Series of 2024, this bill seeks to carry out the Department’s duty to properly classify road networks, ensuring improved administrative oversight.

The above road section earmarked for conversion will bridge critical gaps between adjoining National Roads, creating a seamless and continuous National Road Network. Beyond improving connectivity, this conversion ensures a safe and reliable transportation system that will serve as a catalyst for sustained economic growth in the area.

Moreover, the conversion eases the work of other national agencies (DA, DOH, DENR, DOT, and PNP) by providing a steadfast route to far-flung communities. With the DPWH taking over construction and long-term maintenance, these agencies can more effectively reach outlying localities to implement their relevant mandates and improve the quality of life for residents.

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


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MAGLAMBONG – STO. NIÑO ROAD, LOCATED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
THE DPWH FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN MASBATE, INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Poblacion–Morocborocan–Guinhadap–Maglambong–Sto. Niño Road—an unclassified tourism road under the jurisdiction of the DPWH First District Engineering Office in Masbate—is hereby converted into a National Road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 2. The technical description of the roads shall be determined by the 1st Engineering District office of Masbate and Secretary of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department’s program the construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,