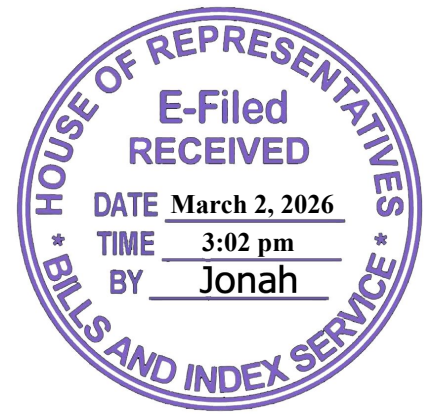


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **8203**



Introduced by Representatives ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to revert the name of the Ben Palispis Highway, the Benguet-Baguiο City section of the Agoo-Baguiο Road to its original name, Marcos Highway, thereby amending Republic Act No. 8971. The measure seeks to restore historical accuracy, align official nomenclature with long-standing public usage, and eliminate confusion among motorists, tourists, and local stakeholders who continue to refer to the route by its former name.

Through Presidential Decree No. 1995, s. 1985 issued by the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos, the Agoo-Tubao-Pugo-Tuba-Baguiο City road network, known then and still widely referred to as Marcos Highway, was converted into a national road. This corridor, spanning approximately 47.574 kilometers from Agoo, Province of La Union to Benguet and Baguiο City (KM 236 + 741 to KM 284 + 315), has long served as one of the primary gateways to the Cordillera highlands.

On October 31, 2000, the highway was renamed through the enactment of Republic Act No. 8971, entitled "An Act Naming the Agoo-Tubao-Pugo Section of the Agoo-Baguiο Road the Jose D. Aspiras Highway, and the Benguet-Baguiο City Section of the Same Road the Ben Palispis Highway." Despite this official renaming more than two decades ago, the Benguet-Baguiο City section has remained widely known, used, and referenced as Marcos Highway in maps, public signages, transport routes, institutional documents, and general discourse.

Given the persistent and dominant public usage of the original name, reverting the Ben Palispis Highway to Marcos Highway aligns the official designation of the road with the common terminology recognized by residents, travelers, logistics providers, and emergency responders. Restoring its original name also preserves the historical significance associated with the route and eliminates unnecessary confusion for tourists and motorists, ultimately enhancing wayfinding accuracy and promoting smoother travel.

Moreover, the reinstatement of the name Marcos Highway can support tourism and local economic activity by strengthening the branding and recognizability of one of the major access roads to the Province of Benguet and the

City of Baguio. A consistent and historically grounded road name benefits both local communities and visitors from nearby provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is respectfully sought.



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REVERTING THE NAME OF BEN PALISPIS HIGHWAY, THE BENGUET-BAGUIO CITY SECTION OF THE JOSE D. ASPIRAS HIGHWAY, TO ITS ORIGINAL NAME MARCOS HIGHWAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8971

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

Section 1. The Ben Palispis Highway shall hereafter be known as the Marcos Highway.

SEC. 2. Republic Act No. 8971, entitled "An Act Naming the Agoo - Tubao - Pugo Section of the Agoo - Baguio Road, the Jose D. Aspiras Highway, and the Benguet - Baguio City Section of the Same Road, the Ben Palispis Highway" is hereby amended.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,