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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **8879**



Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to convert and declare seven (7) key road networks within the Fourth District of the Province of Leyte into national roads. By elevating these routes to national status, the responsibility for their improvement, repair, and maintenance will be transferred to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), with funding integrated into the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Fourth District of Leyte is one that is characterized by its vast agricultural potential and burgeoning local commerce. However, the full economic realization of these sectors is often hindered by the limitations of local infrastructure. The conversion of these specific roads is vital for the following reasons:

1. Improving Transportation for Agricultural and Commercial Industries

The **San Isidro-Guiwan-Central-Hinablayan Road** and the **Liloan-RM Tan-San Sebastian Road** serve as direct link between agricultural production areas and major trade centers like Palompon and Ormoc City, hence their proposed conversion.

- **Reduced Transport Costs:** Improved road quality ensures that farmers can transport crops and livestock more efficiently, reducing spoilage and logistical expenses.
- **Market Accessibility:** Seamless connection between the Libungao-Matag-ob-Palompon Road and the Palompon-Isabel-Merida-Ormoc Road will facilitate a more robust flow of goods and services across the district.

2. Boosting Tourism and Social Connectivity

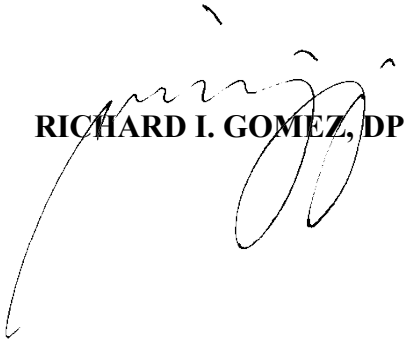
The Fourth District is home to significant natural landmarks, most notably Lake Danao. The inclusion of the **San Pablo-Lake Danao-Cabintan-Rubas Road** and the **Lake Danao-Gaas-Liberty Road** is essential for:

- **Tourism Development:** Providing safe and reliable access for tourists traveling from the Palo-Carigara-Ormoc Road to the district's highland attractions.
- **Social Services:** Enhancing the mobility of residents in traversing barangays ensures faster access to healthcare, education, and government services in urban centers.

3. Strategic Infrastructure Integration

By converting these routes—including the **Bantigue-Sumangga-San Pablo Road**, the **San Juan-Lao-Naungan Road**, and the **Curva-Domonar-Liberty Road**—we create a cohesive, high-standard internal network. This integration ensures that no barangay is left isolated and that the infrastructure can withstand the demands of modern traffic and climate challenges.

In view of the significant impact this will have on the quality of life and economic resilience of the people of the Fourth District of Leyte, the early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING AND DECLARING CERTAIN ROADS NAMED HEREUNDER IN THE
FOURTH DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The following roads in the Fourth District of the Province of Leyte are hereby converted into national roads:

- a) Bantigue- Sumangga- Patag- Donghol- Biliboy- San Pablo Road, described as the road commencing at the Ormoc Baybay- Southern Leyte Boundary Road in Barangay Bantigue and traversing Barangays Sumangga, Patag, Donghol, Biliboy and San Pablo up to the junction at the Palo-Carigara-Ormoc Road in Ormoc City;
- b) San Isidro- Guiwan 1- Guiwan 2- Central 1- Central 2- Hinablayan Poblacion, Pinagdait Poblacion - Pinaghi-usa Poblacion Road, described as the road commencing at Libungao- Matag-ob- Palompon Road in Barangay San Isidro and traversing Barangays Guiwan 1, Guiwan 2, Central 1, Central 2, Hinablayan Poblacion, Pinagdait Poblacion, and Panaghi-usa Poblacion up to the junction at the Palompon-Isabel-Merida-Ormoc Road in Palompon, Leyte;
- c) San Juan- Lao- Naungan Road, described as the road commencing at Palompon-Isabel- Merida- Ormoc Road in Barangay San Juan and traversing Barangays Lao,

Naungan, Linao, and Alegria up to the junction at the Ormoc-Baybay-Southern Leyte Boundary Road in Ormoc City;

- d) Curva - Domonar- Mabini- Liberty Road, described as the road commencing at Palompon- Isabel- Merida- Ormoc Road in Barangay Curva and traversing Barangays Domonar, Mabini, and Liberty up to the junction at the Libungao- Matag-ob-Palompon Road in Ormoc City and Palompon, Leyte;
- e) San Pablo- Lake Danao- Cabintan- Rubas Road, described as the road commencing at Palo-Carigara- Ormoc Road in Barangay San Pablo and traversing Barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro, Lake Danao, Cabintan up to Barangay Rubas, Jaro Road in Ormoc City and Jaro, Leyte;
- f) Liloan - RM Tan- Nueva Sociedad- Leondoni- Manlilinao- San Sebastian Road, described as the road commencing at Palompon-Isabel-Merida- Ormoc Road in Barangay Liloan and traversing Barangays RM Tan, Nueva Sociedad, Leondoni, Manlilinao, and San Sebastian up to the junction of Libungao- Matag-ob- Palompon Road in Ormoc City and Matag-ob, Leyte; and
- g) Lake Danao- Gaas- Liberty Road, described as the road commencing at Palo-Carigara- Ormoc Road, in Barangay San Pablo and traversing Barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro, Lake Danao, Gaas, and Liberty up to the junction of Albura-Burauen Road in Ormoc City.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,