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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

HOUSE BILL NO. 9351



Introduced by Honorable Celso G. Regencia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes that infrastructure is a critical instrument for regional integration and equitable access to opportunities. Strategic road networks, particularly those that connect urban centers to hinterland communities, play a vital role in unlocking economic potential and ensuring that development reaches even the most geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

The Cagayan de Oro City–Iligan City Hinterland Road in Barangay Rogongon is envisioned as a crucial corridor linking Iligan City to upland barangays and connecting it further toward Cagayan de Oro City. A feasibility study has already been conducted, affirming its viability and strategic importance to regional connectivity and upland development. Traversing agricultural production areas and remote communities, the road is intended to facilitate the movement of goods, services, and people. Access across this terrain has long been constrained by distance and inadequate infrastructure.

While road opening and initial concreting works have commenced at the regional level by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), substantial portions of the alignment remain incomplete and underdeveloped. This condition limits continuity, constrains mobility, and prevents the road from fully serving as both an economic driver for upland communities and a strategic inter-city linkage.

For upland communities, improved road access directly translates to better market integration and increased access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and government programs. For the broader region, the road strengthens connectivity between Iligan City and Cagayan de Oro

City, enhancing trade flows, supporting logistics, and contributing to a more resilient and interconnected Northern Mindanao corridor.

Declaring the Cagayan de Oro City–Iligan City Hinterland Road a national road and ensuring its full construction and completion require sustained national support. This will enable the DPWH to undertake comprehensive infrastructure development, including the continued opening, upgrading, and long-term maintenance, in accordance with national standards.

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



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AN ACT
DECLARING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY-ILIGAN CITY HINTERLAND
ROAD IN BARANGAY ROGONGON, ILIGAN CITY A NATIONAL ROAD,
PROVIDING FOR ITS CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “**Cagayan de Oro City–Iligan City Hinterland National Road Development Act.**”

SECTION 2. *Declaration.* — The Cagayan de Oro City–Iligan City Hinterland Road in Barangay Rogongon, Iligan City, traversing Purok Scaling to the crossing near Balangkot Elementary School in Sitio Banyugan, shall be declared a national road under the supervision and administration of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 3. *Development and Maintenance.* — The DPWH shall undertake the construction, completion, improvement, and maintenance of the road in accordance with national standards and specifications.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the continued construction, improvement, and maintenance of the road, as well as other activities necessary for its development as a national road, shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include the funding requirements therefor in the Department’s program for inclusion in the annual GAA.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,