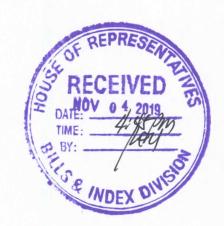
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5293



Introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan 2<sup>nd</sup> District, North Cotabato

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Arakan-Calinan Municipal Road in the Municipality of Arakan, Province Cotabato into a national road.

Arakan is a first class municipality comprising of 28 barangays. It possesses exceptional scenic spots, such as cascading waterfalls, calm lakes, and exotic flora and fauna. Its natural panorama is an enticing paradise. Aside from its rich tourist attractions, agricultural production is the main source of livelihood in the municipality with products like rice, corn, banana, palm oil and rubber, as well as rattan, bamboo and other indigenous materials.

The conversion of the Arakan-Calinan Municipal Road into a national road will provide immediate funds and resources to preserve and maintain the road worthiness and ensure safe travel for everyone. The conversion will greatly stimulate the tourism industry and promote the Municipality of Arakan as a tourist destination. The conversion will also support economic development of various barangays traversed by the road. Furthermore, it will contribute to the improvement of the socio-economic endeavors and ameliorate the lives of the people not only in the Municipality of Arakan but in the Province of Cotabato as well.

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

RUDY S. PAOAGDAN

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ARAKAN-CALINAN MUNICIPAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ARAKAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO 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 Arakan-Calinan Municipal Road in the Municipality of
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Arakan, Province of Cotabato is hereby converted into a national road.
SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
size. 2. The secretary of rabble works and ringhways shall mende in the
Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the road, the
funding for which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
the Official County on in a second of the
the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
Approved.