

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3549



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Introduced by the Honorable Munir M. Arbison

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Province of Sulu, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District in particular, has been identified as one of the most economically depressed provinces in the country. This makes all the eleven (11) municipalities in the district dependent on the financial assistance, through the yearly internal allotment, coming from the National Government.

Notwithstanding the vast opportunities for developing the province, specially in the area of agriculture and fisheries which can propel the economy and free the communities from the grip of poverty, the lack of financial resources has persisted in blocking efforts towards self-sufficiency and end development.

The condition of the herein-named road has worsened because of lack of maintenance by the Provincial Government of Sulu for the period of about 30 years to-date, owing to its lack of funds.

The road proposed for conversion is connected to an existing national road in Mainland Jolo.

This bill seeks the conversion of the 16.50 Kilometers Lahing-Lahing Camp Andres Provincial Road, from Municipality of Luuk, stretching from Barangay Lahing-Lahing Municipality of Omar to Camp Andres, Municipality of Luuk, INTO National Road, thereby giving the residents, farmers, fishermen and commuters not only adequate but improved, better and safer access to other municipalities in Mainland Jolo, especially the Capital town of Sulu, and rendering smooth travel within their respective municipalities.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE LAHING-LAHING – CAMP ANDRES PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH**  
**CONNECTS THE MUNICIPALITIES OF OMAR AND LUUK, PROVINCE OF SULU, TO 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 Provincial road stretching from Barangay Lahing-Lahing, Municipality of Omar, Province of Sulu to Camp Andres, Municipality of Luuk, Province of Sulu as described in the technical description under the succeeding section of this Act is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Lahing-Lahing Provincial road is connected to Romandier Camp Andres National road.

SECTION 3. The technical description of the road is as follows:

From the Bureau of Lands land monument no. 1 (BLLM1); CAD-160, Luuk Cadastre of the Municipality of Luuk, Province of Sulu thence to point marked one (1) of the road with a distance of 10,139.172 meters, bearing N 29°23'49"E, with the following lines, bearings and distances, to wit:

<u>LINES</u>	<u>BEARINGS</u>	<u>DISTANCES</u>
1-2	N 239°8'15" W	732.951
2-3	S 260°14'22" W	6,661.36
3-4	S 243°28'30" W	1,756.25
4-5	S 211°33'38" W	2,073.13
5-6	S 181°39'35" W	418.16
6-7	S 211°39'35" W	364.48
7-8	S 245°23'23" W	1,299.71
8-9	S 219°24'31" W	3,193.95

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.