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***Explanatory Note***

This bill seeks to convert the 9.2-kilometer Panitan-Timpas-Mianay Road in the Municipalities of Panit-an and Sigma, Province of Capiz into a National Road.

This road network connects the Municipality of Panitan in the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Capiz to the Municipality of Sigma in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Capiz. Improving the rough condition of this road shall greatly benefit the residents of these two municipalities, as this would shorten the travel distance between them by six kilometers. The area traversed by this road network is being developed as the site of the province's cut-flower industry. The development of this important road network shall therefore enhance the burgeoning cut-flower business, which is now carving a niche in the cut-flower industry in the Philippines.

While the Province of Capiz recognizes its vital role in facilitating trades and investments and ushering further development in the area, it does not have enough capabilities to properly maintain its road networks. The conversion of the Panitan-Timpas-Mianay Road into a national road is highly imperative to ensure its proper maintenance given the availability of equipment and capability of the national government to provide ready funds for the purpose.

This bill was filed during the Twelfth Congress and was approved on third reading by the House of Representatives. It was subsequently transmitted to the Senate for concurrence but the submission of appropriate requirements relative to this bill was not completed due to the dearth of time; hence, its approval was averted.

Thus, the refilling of this bill is needed and its immediate approval is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE PANITAN-TIMPAS-MIANAY ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANIT-AN AND SIGMA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The 9.2-kilometer Panitan-Timpas-Mianay Road in the Municipalities of Panit-an and Sigma, Province of Capiz is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

**SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,