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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Salvacion-Sabang Road from a city to national road category. The 43 kilometer strip of road that traverses barangays Salvacion, Bahile, Macarascas, Buenavista, Tagabinet and Cabuyugan leads both residents and tourists to the world-famous Underground River, a natural environmental wonder and is a favourite spot of both domestic and international tourists.

Presently, the road is in unfortunate condition and in dire need of repair and rehabilitation. There is a need to tap other sources of funding; hence, conversion of the same to a national road category may help inject additional funding sources for its upgrading.

With its conversion into a National Road, its future funding would surely guarantee a stream of investment not just to cater the already budding tourism industry but also the proliferation of tourism-related endeavors like agriculture and fisheries for food production, entertainment, cottage industries and environment-friendly ventures.

As Palawan enters into its fourth year of being recognized as “the world’s best island,” let this measure be a contribution to prepare our very own precious tourism gem for investments that provide livelihood, protects the environment and ensure the future of our children.

The undersigned firmly believes that converting this road to national road category will receive the funding it truly deserves and achieve the desired results it envisages. Passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SALVACION-SABANG ROAD THAT LEADS TO
UNDERGROUND RIVER IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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4 *Section 1.* The Salvacion-Sabang Road in the City of Puerto Princesa is hereby converted into
5 a national road. The ownership, maintenance and supervision of the same belongs to the
6 national government;

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8 *Section 2.* The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall prescribe the
9 implementing rules and regulations necessary for the evaluation, approval and
10 implementation of this Act;

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12 *Section 3.* The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's
13 program and improvement, repair, maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall
14 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act;

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16 *Section 4.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
17 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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19 Approved.
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