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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1788**

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Introduced by **Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill was filed in the Sixteenth Congress as House Bill No. 05240. It was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.

The proposed bill seeks to convert the provincial road from Barangay Estrella Village Public Market to Estrella Village National High School located in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, into a national road.

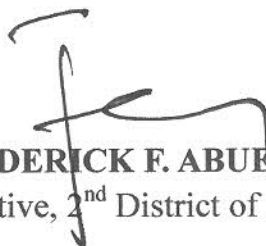
The town of Narra is a first-class municipality and has a population of 65,264 according to the 2010 census conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO). Meanwhile, Barangay Estrella Village is an agricultural community and boasts the Estrella Waterfalls which is one of the must-see attractions in the municipality. Despite rising familiarity, Barangay Estrella Village remains a rural area.

The conversion of this provincial road into a national road would immensely benefit the people of Barangay Estrella Village and the Municipality of Narra. Being an agricultural barangay, the nationalization of said road would make it easier for agricultural products to be transported, delivered and made available to the people of Narra and nearby municipalities.

Furthermore, most of the national roads in the Second District of Palawan are approaching project completion. Hence, we seek to convert more provincial roads into national roads in order for the national government fund to cover for the repair, maintenance and improvement of the roads. Admittedly, the local and/or provincial governments of Palawan lack the necessary budget to put road maintenance as their priority.

The results of road nationalization directly affect people's mobility. Accessible roads bring more opportunities to the populace which would certainly boost the economy. Interestingly, roads provide great benefits to all the people not only from the area but to all travelers who come to have ventured the path.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Abug', is written over the printed name and title.

**FREDERICK F. ABUG**  
Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Palawan

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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY ESTRELLA**  
**VILLAGE PUBLIC MARKET TO ESTRELLA VILLAGE NATIONAL HIGH**  
**SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A**  
**NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           SECTION 1. The provincial road from Barangay Estrella Village Public  
2           Market to Estrella Village National High School, Municipality of Narra,  
3           Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into a national road.

4           SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways  
5           shall include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance and  
6           repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual  
7           General Appropriations Act.

8           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the  
9           Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*