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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1786**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The proposed bill seeks to convert the provincial road traversing from Sitio Tapsan to Sitio Rolling of Barangay Panitian located in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Palawan, into a national road. The town of Quezon is a first-class municipality and has a population of 55,142 according to the 2010 census conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO). Conversely, Barangay Panitian is one of the barangays in the municipality established through Republic Act (R.A.) No. 2593 enacted on June 21, 1959.

Every year, Barangay Panitian has been allotting funds for road gravelling of the above-mentioned provincial road. The fund comes from the twenty percent (20%) development fund of the said barangay. However, the amount is a heavy burden to the barangay whereas the gravel lasts only for six months. The short term benefit to the people in the area does not justify the cost for road maintenance. While the needed fund increases by hundreds of thousands annually, the actual effect of this amount is for a short time only.

Moreover, 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 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.

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

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

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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE TWO-KILOMETER (2-KM.) PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM SITIO TAPSAN TO SITIO ROLLING OF BARANGAY PANITIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, 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 two-kilometer provincial road from Sitio Tapsan to  
2           Sitio Rolling of Barangay Panitian, Municipality of Quezon, Province of  
3           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,*