



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



Seventeenth Congress  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **4198**

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Introduced By:  
**REP. FRANCISCO JOSE F. MATUGAS II**  
1<sup>ST</sup> District, Surigao del Norte (*Siargao Island*)

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill which was filed in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Congress and re-filed in the present Congress, seeks to convert the road stretching **BARANGAY TUBURAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN TO BARANGAY MAASIN, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR**, all of the First Congressional District of the Province of Surigao del Norte, presently classified as a provincial road, into a National Road.

The **TUBURAN – DEL CARMEN – MAASIN – PILAR ROAD** is a 0.900 kilometer stretch of gravel roadway starting from Barangay Tuburan in the Municipality of Del Carmen ending at Barangay Maasin in the Municipality of Pilar in the Province of Surigao del Norte.

Siargao Island in Surigao del Norte is fast gaining global recognition as a leading eco-tourism destination and hosts annual international events particularly the *Siargao Annual International Game Fishing Tournament* and the *Annual Siargao International Surfing Cup*. It is recognized by international magazines and publications as one of the “must see places” in the world. It is not only known as the surfing capital of the country but is also considered as one of the best surf sites in the world. Hence, the whole of Siargao and Bucas Grande Islands is recognized by the Department of Tourism as a tourism site. This particular road being sought to be converted to a national secondary road connects to the Siargao Airport and leads to a prime tourist destination in the area. It also connects gap portion of adjoining roads to form a continuous road network.

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

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM  
BARANGAY TUBURAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DEL  
CARMEN TO BARANGAY MAASIN, MUNICIPALITY OF  
PILAR, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE  
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 road stretching from Barangay Tuburan, Municipality of  
2 Del Carmen to Barangay Maasin, Municipality of Pilar, all of the Province of  
3 Surigao del Norte as described in the technical description under the  
4 succeeding section of this Act is hereby converted into a national road.

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6       SECTION 2. The technical description of the road is as follows:

7       From the Bureau of Lands monument no. 1 (BLLM1) of the Municipality of  
8 Del Carmen, Province of Surigao del Norte thence to point marked one (1) of  
9 the road with a distance of 20,200.00 meters, bearing N 75-33 E, with the  
10 following lines, bearings and distances to wit:

11	LINES	BEARINGS	DISTANCES
12	1 – 2	N 15 – 22 E	60.00 m.
13	2 – 3	S 87 – 31 E	1,000.00 m.
14	3 – 4	N 81 – 15 E	937.00 m.
15	4 – 5	S 20 – 18 E	60.00 m.
16	5 – 6	S 81 – 15 W	953.27 m.
17	6 – 1	N 87 – 31 W	1,020.66 m.

18       SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in  
19       the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the  
20       said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
21       Appropriations Act.  
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23       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
24       the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  
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26       Approved,