

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

*Seventeenth Congress*  
*First Regular Session*

House Bill No. 1192



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Introduced by Honorable Roy M. Loyola

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill was originally filed during the Third Regular Session of the Fifteenth Congress and was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Highways. It seeks to convert Congressional Avenue in the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite into a national road.

GMA, Cavite, with a population of 136, 316 in an area of just 11.4 square kilometers, is widely considered as the most densely populated municipality in the Province of Cavite. It is fast becoming a highly urbanized municipality resulting from rapid increase in its population and influx of commercial establishments.

Congressional Avenue serves as the lone arterial road of GMA. What makes it very effective as an arterial road is that it is the only road that traverses along the center of the entire landmass of GMA. If one would look up GMA, Cavite on the map, he would see Congressional Avenue as a line that divides GMA right in the middle heading towards its neighboring Municipality of Carmona, Cavite. In addition, Congressional Avenue serves as an alternative route and links two national highways namely, Dasmariñas-Carmona Road (popularly known as Governor's Drive) and Carmona Diversion Road.

Unfortunately, despite its tremendous contribution to land transportation, not just to the Municipality of GMA but to the entire Province of Cavite as well, Congressional Avenue remains in poor condition and in state of disrepair due to lack of funding.

With the conversion of Congressional Avenue into a national road, funds from the national government can now be appropriated for its improvement, widening and maintenance, thereby further hastening and accelerating growth and development in the area. Its strategic location, being

at the center of GMA, is very conducive to faster economic progress and effective distribution of social services.

In light of the foregoing, I earnestly urge my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in seeking immediate approval of this Bill.



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONGRESSIONAL AVENUE IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ (GMA),  
PROVINCE OF CAVITE 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 Congressional Avenue in the Municipality of General  
2           Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite is hereby converted into a national road under  
3           the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and  
4           Highways.

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

9           **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following  
10          its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of  
11          general circulation.

***Approved,***