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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2381



Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Panaon Island in Southern Leyte is strategically located along the Maharlika Highway. But in spite of this fact, only half of the island is starting to be developed. The other half remains in an economic stagnation thereby keeping its residents within the poverty threshold.

The construction the a circumferential road will certainly improve the economic status of the other half of Panaon Island.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PANAON ISLAND
CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN SOUTHERN LEYTE**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Construction.** There shall be constructed a road/highway that will
2 traverse around the Panaon Island in Southern Leyte to be known as the Panaon Island
3 Circumferential Road in alignment with the existing coastal road of the said island.

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5 **SECTION 2. Implementation.** The Department of Public Works and Highways
6 (DPWH) shall immediately cause the planning/programming and implementation of the
7 Construction of Panaon Circumferential Road. The maintenance of the said road shall be
8 included in the annual maintenance program of the DPWH.

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

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13 Approved,