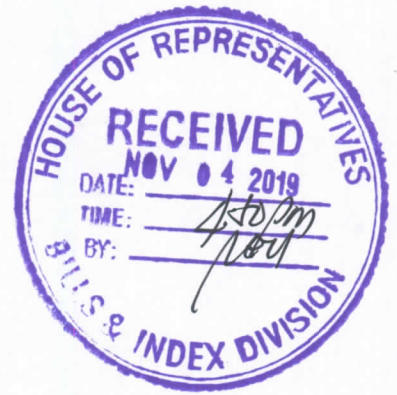


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5299



Introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan
2nd District, North Cotabato

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Kidapawan-Makilala-Magsaysay Provincial Road which traverses Kidapawan City and the Municipality of Makilala, Province of Cotabato, and ends in Barangay Tacul, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Davao del Sur, into a national road.

Kidapawan, is a first class city located at the southeastern portion of the Province of Cotabato, almost midway between the cities of Davao and Cotabato at a distance of 110 kilometers and 120 kilometers, respectively. Kidapawan, the capital city of the Province of Cotabato, is hailed as a "Spring in the Highland," and the name comes from the Manobo words "tida" which means spring and "pawan" meaning highland. The city is found at the bottom of the majestic Mt. Apo, the country's highest peak. It is a favorite tourist destination as many tourists cannot resist the lure of trekking the tallest mountain in the country. Kidapawan is also considered as the province's industrial hub and plays a pivotal role in the economic development of Cotabato and its adjacent areas. The cut flower industry is a good source of livelihood among Cotabateños, especially those residing in Kidapawan City. The city also prides itself as the fruit basket of the Philippines.

Makilala is one of the 17 municipalities in the Province of Cotabato and is located approximately at the middle of the three key cities of Davao, Cotabato and General Santos.

Converting the Kidapawan-Makilala-Magsaysay Provincial Road into a national road will greatly improve and develop the economic and tourism activities in the Province of Cotabato. It will facilitate the transport, not only of goods and services, but also of people from Cotabato to the neighboring areas in

Davao del Sur and vice versa. Aside from the economic benefits, the conversion of the provincial road into a national road will also help in the attainment of genuine peace and order in the province.

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


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AN ACT

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PROVINCE OF COTABATO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF
MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. The Kidapawan-Makilala-Magsaysay Provincial Road
traversing the City of Kidapawan and the Municipality of Makilala in the
Province of Cotabato, and Barangay Tacul, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province
of Davao del Sur is hereby converted into a national road.

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

1 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 Approved,