

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



Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5639

Introduced by **Hon. Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed by Representative Frederick F. Abueg as House Bill (H.B.) No. 1844 during the 17th Congress. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Public Works and Highways.

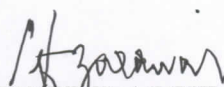
The proposed bill seeks to convert the provincial road from Barangay Rio Tuba to Barangay Buliluyan in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan into a national road and to appropriate funds for the concreting and maintenance thereof.

The municipality of Bataraza is located at the southernmost tip of mainland Palawan. It has a total land area of 726.2 square kilometers (km²) and a distance of approximately 225 kilometers away from Puerto Princesa City, which is about five (5) to six (6) hours travel by land. The provincial road traversing Barangay Rio Tuba to Barangay Buliluyan is part of the circumferential road and is a shortened route (shortcut) used by locals and other travellers going to and from Balabac.

The municipality of Bataraza is home to 63,644 residents, as of the 2010 Census conducted by the then National Statistics Office. Their main source of livelihood is agriculture. The second source of income is fishing for those residents situated near the coastal areas.

The conversion of the provincial road into a national road would enhance the delivery and availability of local products to nearby municipalities for ready consumption. Products can be easily transported with the nationalization of said road. This would also strengthen the economy of said municipality with the opportunity to boost the tourism industry in the area given its captivating landscape and colorful history.

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


CYRILLE "BENG" F. ABUEG-ZALDIVAR
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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY RIO TUBA
TO BARANGAY BULILUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, 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 provincial road from Barangay Rio Tuba to Barangay
2 Buliluyan in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan is hereby
3 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,