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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2517**

**Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill provides for the construction of a circumferential road in Panaon Island in Southern Leyte. The project connects the towns of Liloan and San Ricardo that are poles apart. Also, the proposed road project is a vital access road to San Ricardo port, a jump of point in Surigao City in Mindano.

Panaon Island is a small island in Southern Leyte. One of the major attractions of the island is the Napantao Fish Sanctuary also known as Rio's Wall, a favorite of divers and marine biologists. Aside from this rich natural resource, the island is also a rich source of copra. Realization of this project means lesser transport expenses for the farmers as they transport their farm products.

Request approval of this bill.

**ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO**

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**AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PANAON ISLAND IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE**

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

SECTION 1. A Circumferential road linking the towns of Liloan and San Ricardo in the Island of Panaon, Province of Southern Leyte shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The amount of Thirty Million Pesos (30,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the purpose to be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the road shall be included in the annual budget of the island.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,