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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill seeks to convert the Poblacion-Bagong Silang Provincial Road in the Municipality of Calatagan, Province of Batangas into a National Road.

The Municipality of Calatagan is one of the eight (8) towns of the First District of Batangas, which is endowed with beautiful tourist spots that if fully developed, could be potential tourist draws. It has a long coastline, which are dotted with resorts that cater to foreign and domestic tourists alike. These beaches and coves are comparable to some of the best tourist destinations in the country, if not in the asian region. And because the Philippine Government has identified tourism as a major source of foreign revenues, efforts must be geared towards the realization of this objective. One of these is the development of support infrastructures like good roads that will facilitate better transport for tourists.

The Poblacion-Bagong Silang Provincial Road is one of these vital road networks. Along this road network are located five (5) of the best resorts in the Municipality of Calatagan. Developers are further eyeing to put up resorts along this stretch which would further boast the attractiveness of the area. Given these developments, it is then necessary that the road leading to these

resorts be properly maintained considering its present and potential contribution to the national economy.

This Bill then proposes the conversion of the Poblacion-Bagong Silang Provincial Road in the Municipality of Calatagan into a National Road.

Premises considered, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE POBLACION-BAGONG SILANG PROVINCIAL ROAD**  
**IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALATAGAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS**  
**INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Poblacion-Bagong Silang Provincial Road in the Municipality of Calatagan, Province of Batangas, is hereby converted into a National Road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

**SEC. 2.** The amount necessary for the improvement of the said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.