Republic of the Philippines House of Representatives Quezon City, Metro Manila

Eighteenth (18th) Congress First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5297



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Doroluman-Kadingilan Municipal Road traversing the municipalities of Arakan and Pres. Roxas in the Province of Cotabato and the Municipality of Kibawe, Province of Bukidnon into a national road.

The importance of roads in the rural development cannot be overemphasized. Improved and properly maintained roads contribute to significant socio-economic development. The network connectivity of roads helps the local government units traversed by such roads attain consistent growth and progress. Thus, there is a necessity to improve these roads and maintain them in good condition for better movement of people, goods, and services. These activities in turn hasten inclusive and equitable economic growth and development for the communities.

The Doroluman-Kadingilan Municipal Road is a 16.5-kilometer road traversing barangays Doroluman, Pinamula, Sampaguita, Bukang Liwayway, Natulongan, and Talahiron, all in the Municipality of Arakan, Province of Cotabato and Barangay Sundungan in the Municipality of Pres. Roxas, Province of Cotabato, and barangays Kibawe Proper, Kibawe West, Romagooc, and Kadingilan in the Municipality of Kibawe, Province of Bukidnon.

The proposed conversion of the existing Doroluman-Kadingilan Municipal Road into a national road will assure speedy delivery of basic services, stimulate the socio-economic development of the various barangays, improve the transport system, and help improve the quality of life of the residents therein. As a national road, allocation of funds for its improvement, maintenance, and repair is assured.

In view of the foregoing, approved of this bill earnestly sought.



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ANACT 1 2 CONVERTING THE DOROLUMAN-KADINGILAN MUNICIPAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARAKAN, PROVINCE 3 OF COTABATO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBAWE, PROVINCE 4 OF BUKIDNON, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING 5 FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF 6 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in 7 Congress assembled: 8

SECTION 1. The Doroluman-Kadingilan Municipal Road traversing the municipalities of Arakan and Pres. Roxas in the Province of Cotabato and the Municipality of Kibawe, Province of Bukidnon, is converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

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

Approved,

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