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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a need to significantly improve and develop the tourism and economic activities of the country. To facilitate access and promote activities for tourism and economic development, the government should focus on the improvement and appropriate maintenance of roads leading to major tourist and economic destinations.

In view of thereof, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING ALL ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND
PORTS AS NATIONAL ROADS

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

SECTION 1. All roads leading to tourist destinations and ports are hereby converted and declared as national roads.

For this purpose, *tourist destinations* shall refer to an area where there exists an establishment or group of establishments that has been created with the purpose of attracting tourists duly accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009.

On the other hand, *ports* shall refer to all existing and future ports, private or public, under the administration, regulation, management and operation of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 505 dated 11 July 1974, as amended.

SEC. 2. The Secretaries of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the DOT shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, ordinances and administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.