

Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3131



Introduced by Representative EDGAR R. ERICE

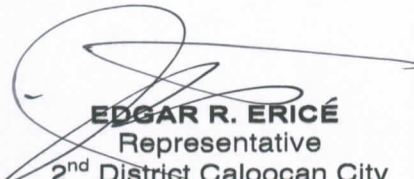
EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a truism that well-maintained roads and meticulously-planned road networks are indispensable elements of our country's national development. Roads greatly facilitate the efficient and successful conduct of commercial transactions, help in the advancement of the economy and the creation of much-needed jobs and sources of livelihood for the Filipino people. Roads also immensely enhance the accessibility and availability of government programs, services and facilities. It is, thus, important that the roads which serve as the veins carrying the lifeblood of the country must be maintained, improved and repaired to ensure their maximum utilization.

Dagat-Dagatan Avenue is a major thoroughfare in the second district of the City of Caloocan, which is being utilized by motorists, commuters and merchants as an access road from C3 Road to C4 Road and vice versa. It covers a distance of 1.594 kilometers and has a total of four (4) lanes covering both ways.

Considering the fact that Dagat-Dagatan Avenue links two primary arterial national roads and several highly urbanized cities of Metro Manila, it is only imperative that the maintenance, improvement and repair thereof should be undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Highways. This is because the DPWH is better equipped, both financially and technically, than the local government of Caloocan City, Metro Manila. However, this could only be made possible if Dagat-Dagatan Avenue were classified as a national road. It is for this reason that the present bill was introduced seeking for the conversion and declaration of Dagat-Dagatan Avenue as a national road.

In view of the foregoing premises, support for the immediate passage of this bill is being earnestly solicited.


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**AN ACT
CONVERTING DAGAT-DAGATAN AVENUE IN CALOOCAN CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD, DECLARING IT TO BE UNDER THE PRIMARY JURISDICTION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Dagat-Dagatan Avenue in the Second District of Caloocan City is hereby converted into a national road, and declaring it to be henceforth under the primary jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall henceforth incorporate in the Department's regular programs and schedules the maintenance, improvement and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Local Government Units traversed by Dagat-Dagatan Avenue, namely, the cities of Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Manila, all in Metro Manila, shall provide the DPWH with coordinative and administrative support in order to ensure the efficient maintenance of the said road.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,