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Introduced by Honorable ALEJANDRO Y. MIRASOL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert into a Secondary National Road the 22.74-Kilometer Provincial Road situated in the Crossing Magallon, traversing to Moises Padilla Town Proper – Barangay Cadre – Barangay Guinpanaan (in the Municipality of Moises Padilla); to Barangay Cambanting and to Barangay Biak-na-Bato (in the Municipality of La Castellana); all in the Province of Negros Occidental.

The Municipality of Moises Padilla, a former barangay of Isabela, Negros Occidental, was converted into a municipality on October 15, 1951. With its more than 39,257 population (based on 2010 Census), it is now famous for its vast livestock yard which is the major source of income of the locality. Traders all over the island of Negros come to buy, sell and trade all kinds of agricultural and dairy by-products.


The Municipality of La Castellana is a 1st Class Municipality of the Province of Negros Occidental with a population of 71,013 (2010 Census). It is situated at the base of Kanlaon Volcano and named after the famous “Paseo de La Castellana” in Madrid, Spain. It is famous for its natural springs, waterfalls, and scenic spots. It is an agricultural municipality engaged in sugarcane, rice, and banana farming. It is the home of many festivals, namely; Bailes de Luces, Banana Festival and Senior de San Vicente Ferrer Day where devotees from afar come to attend its acclaimed healing mass.

The passage of this bill will primarily ensure adequate economic benefits through tourism development (preservation and conservation of the province’s historical and cultural heritage), stimulation of various economic activities and creation of jobs and livelihood opportunities. Secondly, road development will promote savings in passengers and commercial travel time and increase productivity that will transform into net value-added in

agriculture and animal husbandry of the people in the countryside. Furthermore, the conversion would also provide easy access to the adjacent Municipalities of Isabela and the Municipality of Murcia, both in the Province of Negros Occidental and the Cities of La Carlota, San Carlos, and Canlaon, all in the Province of Negros Oriental.

With an all-weather secondary national road contributory to the region's infrastructure development that is being constantly monitored by investors and businessmen, the enhancement of progress and development in this part of Negros Island will be fast and easy. Mobility of the people and agricultural products will further improve and be geared towards the vibrant economy of our country.

Approval of this measure is urgently requested.



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD SITUATED IN THE CROSSING MAGALLON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOISES PADILLA AND BIAK-NA-BATO, LA CASTELLANA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby a national policy to improve, upgrade, expand and maintain countryside road networks and the development of an integrated inter-regional and inter-provincial roads that will accelerate the movement of goods, services and people that would result to socio-economic development of the region.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to this policy, it is hereby mandated that the provincial road in Crossing Magallon, Municipality of Moises Padilla connecting to the provincial road in Biak-na-Bato, Municipality of La Castellana; both in the Province of Negros Occidental and covering 22.74 linear kilometers shall be converted into a secondary national road. This secondary national road shall be known and referred to as the “*Crossing Magallon (Moises Padilla) – Biak-na-Bato (La Castellana) National Road.*”

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the improvement of said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.