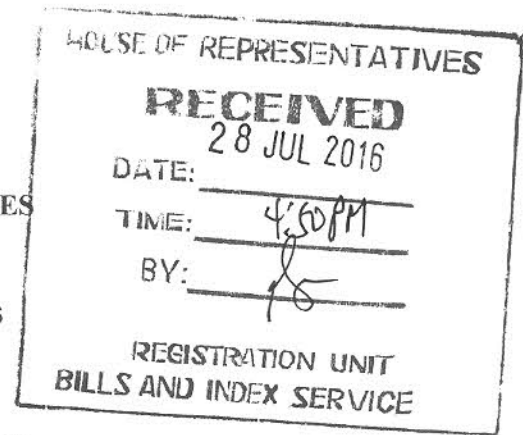




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2136



Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** It is hereby declared policy of the State to promote a just and
2 dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and
3 free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services,
4 promote full employment, a rising standard of living, an improved quality of life for all and
5 promote comprehensive rural development. Towards these ends, infrastructure, as a
6 catalyst for development, shall be given utmost priority.

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8 **SECTION 2. *Prioritization of Projects.*** Local projects such as roads, bridges,
9 public school buildings, public hospitals and other infrastructure projects of local
10 significance shall be given priority in the planning and implementation of this Act.

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12 **SECTION. 3. *Public Works and Highways Infrastructure Program.*** - Consistent
13 with the above declared policy, the Department of Public Works and Highways, except
14 as otherwise provided in Sec. 4 of the Act, shall undertake the implementation of the
15 following priority projects, which shall include new construction, reconstruction,

1 improvement and/or rehabilitation of, and feasibility studies, engineering, acquisition of
2 sites, equipment, materials, supplies, labor, supervision and management services:

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4 * Please see attached list of projects.

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6 **SECTION 4. *Participation of Local Government Units.*** - The Department of Public
7 Works and Highways (DPWH) shall, upon the request of the member(s) of Congress
8 concerned, authorize provinces, cities, municipalities or barangays to implement projects
9 under the categories of local roads and other public works in this Act: Provided, that
10 these local government units have the capability to implement such projects.

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12 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The Department of Public
13 Works and Highways shall issue the corresponding rules and regulation necessary for
14 the implementation of this Act.

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16 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws or parts of any law, orders, rules, and
17 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended
18 accordingly.

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20 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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23 Approved,