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

Eighteenth (18th) Congress First Regular Session HOUSE BILL NO. **5301**



Introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the road connecting barangays Bulatukan and New Israel in the Municipality of Makilala, Province of Cotabato, into a national road.

Roads make a crucial contribution to the economic development and growth of communities. They provide speedy delivery of the basic necessities, opportunities and important social benefits for the people and their livelihoods.

The Municipality of Makilala was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 63 issued on September 8, 1954 by then President Ramon Magsaysay. It is located at the southeast portion of Cotabato and the last town before reaching Davao del Sur.

At present, the Bulatukan-New Israel Road is Makilala's gateway to southeastern Mindanao. It serves as the access road leading to the top tourist destination in the province, popularly known as the New Israel Eco-Adventure Tourism Park. Also, New Israel boasts of being an ingress to the periphery of Mt. Apo National Park. The proposed national road begins at Barangay Bulatukan and ends at Barangay New Israel. The proposed conversion into a national road of the 4.5 kilometer Bulatukan-New Israel road will spur the tourism industry and stimulate the economic development in the barangays traversed by the said road.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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1	AN ACT
2	CONVERTING THE BULATUKAN-NEW ISRAEL ROAD IN THE
3	MUNICIPALITY OF MAKILALA, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, INTO
4	A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
5	MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF
7	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
8	Congress assembled.
10	SECTION 1. The Bulatukan-New Israel Road in the Municipality of
11	Makilala, Province of Cotabato is hereby converted into a national road under
12	the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.
13	SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
14	Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said
15	road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
16	Appropriations Act.
17	SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
18	the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
19	Approved,