

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

17<sup>th</sup> Congress  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3703**



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**Introduced by: HON. JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to rename the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) to Marcelo H. Del Pilar Expressway (MHDPEX).

The NLEX was formerly called the Marcelo H. Del Pilar Superhighway, North Diversion Road and Manila North Expressway (MNEX). It connects Metro Manila to provinces of the Central Luzon Region particularly Bulacan and Pampanga.

The expressway begins in Quezon City and passes through the Cities of Caloocan and Valenzuela in Metro Manila, then through the City of Meycauayan, Marilao, Bocaue, Balagtas, Guiguinto, City of Malolos, Plaridel, and Pulilan in the province of Bulacan, then through San Simon, San Fernando, Mexico, Angeles City, and ends in Mabalacat City in the province of Pampanga and thereafter merges with MacArthur Highway, which continues northward into the rest of Central and Northern Luzon is hereby restored to Marcelo H. Del Pilar Expressway (MHDPEX).

The NLEX was built in the 1960's and spans 84.0 kilometers. The highway is presently maintained by the Manila North Tollways Corporation, a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation. It is one of the main road arteries of the country and is used by more or less 280,000 motor vehicles per day.

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) included in the guidelines of naming roads, schools, buildings and other important public structures that the name to be used must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through the good example exhibited by such person.

Renaming the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) to Marcelo H. Del Pilar Expressway will bestow distinct honor and perpetuate the memory of our National hero Marcelo H. Del Pilar.

If favorably passed into law, it will constantly remind us of the noble deeds of Marcelo H. Del Pilar and inspire our people to emulate his example of selfless service to the nation while his exceptional courage and leadership gave hope and helped unite the Filipino people at a critical time in our country's history.

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

JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO

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**“AN ACT RENAMING THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX) TO  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** The existing North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), which starts from Quezon City and passes through the Cities of Caloocan and Valenzuela in Metro Manila, then through the City of Meycauayan, Marilao, Bocaue, Balagtas Guiginto, City of Malolos, Plaridel, and Pulilan in the province of Bulacan, then through San Simon, San Fernando, Mexico, Angeles City, and ends in Mabalacat City in the province of Pampanga and thereafter merges with MacArthur Highway, which continues northward into the rest of Central and Northern Luzon is hereby renamed to Marcelo H. Del Pilar Expressway (MHDPEX).

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall implement the provision of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,