

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5753** _____

Introduced by HON. VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the circumferential road in Poro Island, traversing the municipalities of Poro and Tudela, Province of Cebu, into a national road.

The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 4531, which was previously filed in the Fifteenth Congress. It has been approved in the House of Representatives for three readings per House Committee Report No. 02302. Consequently, it has been transmitted to the Senate of the Philippines on September 26, 2012. However, up to present the proposal has not materialized.

The predominant farming and fishing industries in the municipalities of Poro and Tudela are gradually being relegated to secondary sources of livelihood by the fast-growing tourism in the area. Public and private beaches, caves and waterfalls, diving and snorkelling sites abound alongside the popular Buho Rock, Greenlake Park, Mt. Calvary, and Lake Danao.

Thus, a good and reliable land transport network is vital to rural development and is a great part in the stimulation and promotion of economic

growth. While virtual connectivity has become the norm in urban development, improving the road network is vital to rural development. Improved road pavements will help reduce the distance between the people, markets, services and information. Further, well-maintained road networks will reduce difficulties in the transportation of goods.

There is a strong positive correlation between the economic development and the quality of its road network. The provincial government of Cebu made significant efforts to improve road network in the islands over the past few years. Nevertheless, the rapid influx of domestic and foreign visitors made it imperative to hasten the improvement of this network.

In view of the foregoing, the conversion of the above-described circumferential road into a national road is earnestly sought.



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**"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PORO
ISLAND, TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PORO AND
TUDELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

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

SECTION 1. The circumferential road in Poro Island, traversing the municipalities of Poro and Tudela, Province of Cebu, is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program, the repair, maintenance and improvement of the national road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,