

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Eighteenth Congress  
First Regular Session

**5676**

**HOUSE BILL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_



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Introduced by **Hon. Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill was previously filed by Representative Frederick F. Abueg as House Bill (H.B.) No. 6549 during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress. It was referred to the House Committee on Public Works and Highways.

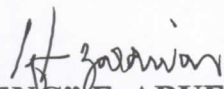
The proposed bill seeks to convert the provincial road passing through Barangays Sarong, Sandoval, Ocayan, Iwahig and Igang-igang in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, into a national road.

Due to the rapid increase of the population in Bataraza and economic expansion in these covered barangays, there is a necessity for the repair, maintenance and improvement of the roads therein. The conversion of these connecting roads into national road would help our constituents maximize their earning capacity through mobilization, thus reducing poverty and promoting sustainable exchange of goods within Bataraza as well as among different municipalities in Southern Palawan.

Considering the great development in Barangays Sarong, Sandoval, Ocayan, Iwahig and Igang-igang, the conversion of these provincial roads into national roads would advance the trade of products and enhance the mobility of people in the area.

Moreover, most of the national roads in the Second District of Palawan are approaching project completion. Hence, we seek to convert more provincial roads into national roads to be included in the national government's funding.

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

  
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Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Palawan

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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD PASSING THROUGH THE**  
**BARANGAY ROADS FROM SARONG RIVER PASSING THROUGH**  
**BARANGKAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SARONG PROPER TO SITIO**  
**TAGPISA OF BARANGAY OCAYAN LEADING TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY,**  
**BATARAZA WHICH IS MORE OR LESS 17 KILOMETERS, AND FROM**  
**BARANGAY SANDOVAL PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS IWAHIG**  
**AND IGANG-IGANG TO SARONG PROPER, AND FROM SARONG RIVER**  
**PASSING THROUGH BARANGKAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SARONG**  
**PROPER AND SITIO TAGPISA OF BARANGAY OCAYAN TO NATIONAL**  
**HIGHWAY WHICH IS MORE OF LESS 16 KILOMETERS, INTO A**  
**NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The provincial road passing through the barangay roads from  
2           Sarong River passing through Barangkas Elementary School and Sarong Proper to  
3           Sitio Tagpisa of Barangay Ocayan leading to National Highway, Bataraza which is  
4           more or less 17 kilometers, and from Barangay Sandoval passing through Barangays  
5           Iwahig and Igang-Igang to Sarong Proper, and from Sarong River passing through  
6           Barangkas Elementary School, Sarong Proper and Sitio Tagpisa of Barangay Ocayan  
7           to National Highway which is more or less 16 kilometers is hereby converted into a  
8           national road.

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

**SECTION. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*