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EXPLANATORY NOTE


In the registry list of national parks of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is found Lake Danao in the Province of Leyte. Lake Danao has been described as “a violin-shaped lake hemmed by cloud-capped mountain ranges. It is a hunter’s paradise where wild animals roam the surrounding forests. It is also said to be the home of a giant eel.”

The access road, however, to the Lake Danao Natural Park is a city road passing from barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro and Tongonan leading to the lake, all in the City of Ormoc, Leyte.

An incongruous situation therefore exists wherein a national park, maintained by the Protected Area Management Board of the DENR, could only be reached by an ill-maintained and poorly-repaired city road on account of the notoriously and chronically low available budget of the city government for said purpose.

It is to remedy such a situation that this measure is being filed. It certainly defeats the purpose of having a well-maintained national park that could only be accessed through a dilapidated and unwholesome city road network.

Hence, the early approval of this bill is urgently recommended.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CITY ROAD PASSING FROM
BARANGAYS LUNA, DOLORES, MILAGRO AND TONGONAN
LEADING TO LAKE DANAOS IN THE CITY OF ORMOC,
PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO 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 City Road passing from Barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro and Tongonan leading to Lake Danaos in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of this road shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.



SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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