

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

Eighteenth Congress  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 5576**



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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. 05131 in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress and as H.B. No. 1787 during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress. Both bills were referred to the House Committee on Public Works and Highways.


The proposed bill seeks to convert the provincial road from the National Highway to Barangay Bagong Sikat Center located in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, into a national road. The town of Narra is a first-class municipality and has a population of 65,264, according to the 2010 census conducted by the then National Statistics Office (NSO).

Barangay Bagong Sikat is one of the barangays in the municipality which is located far from the town center. While some barangays in Narra have developed modern urban structures, Barangay Bagong Sikat remains a rural area. The last record of the barangay's population is as of 2007, which accounts for 1,610 residents.

The provincial road from the National Highway to Barangay Bagong Sikat Center is a rugged road, connected to Barangay Elvita, Barangay Taritien and Barangay Malatgao, all in Narra, Palawan with both sides having a beautiful view of the town's towering mountains and green fields. This road is the only entrance and exit routes for the inhabitants of the area.

The conversion of this provincial road into a national road would immensely benefit the people of Barangay Bagong Sikat and the Municipality of Narra, since this is the only way they can go in and out of the vicinity. Likewise, the conversion will provide bigger budget for the repair and maintenance of said road.

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

  
**CYRILLE "BENG" F. ABUEG-ZALDIVAR**  
Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Palawan

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**CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE NATIONAL**  
**HIGHWAY TO BARANGAY BAGONG SIKAT CENTER, MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, 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 from the national highway to Barangay  
2           Bagong Sikat Center, Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, is hereby  
3           converted into a national road.

4           SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways  
5           shall include in the Department’s program the improvement, maintenance and  
6           repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual  
7           General Appropriations Act.

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

*Approved,*