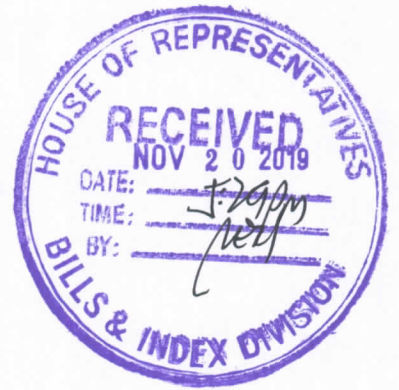


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5574**

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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. 05133 in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress and as H.B. No. 1785 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 roads from the National Highway to Barangay Poblacion, namely Lapu-lapu, Osmeña, Malvar, Estrella, Magsaysay, Quirino, Manga, Dalandan and G.P. Cruz Streets, all in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, into national roads and appropriate funds for the concreting and maintenance thereof.

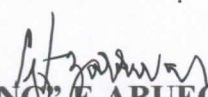
Narra is a first-class municipality located in the Second District of Palawan and has a population of 65,264, according to the 2010 census conducted by the then National Statistics Office (NSO). The center of the town is Barangay Poblacion where most of the commercial establishments, schools, police and fire stations and the hospital are to be found.

Due to the large number of migration to and from the province, Narra has placed itself as one of the stopover points for long-distance travellers. Buses, shuttle vans and other public and private vehicles all come to Narra for a short stop either for refueling, eating or resting.

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 in order for the national government fund to cover the repair, maintenance and improvement of the roads. Admittedly, the local and/or provincial governments of Palawan lack the necessary budget to put road maintenance as their priority.

The results of road nationalization directly affect people's mobility. Accessible roads bring more opportunities to the populace which would certainly boost the economy. Interestingly, roads provide great benefits to all the people not only from the area but to all travelers who visit it.

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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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TO BARANGAY POBLACION, NAMELY LAPU-LAPU, OSMEÑA, MALVAR, ESTRELLA, MAGSAYSAY, QUIRINO, MANGA, DALANDAN AND G.P. CRUZ STREETS, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO NATIONAL ROADS 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 roads from the National Highway to Barangay  
2           Poblacion, namely Lapu-lapu, Osmeña, Malvar, Estrella, Magsaysay, Quirino, Manga,  
3           Dalandan, and G.P. Cruz Streets, all in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan,  
4           are hereby converted into national roads.

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