

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



Eighteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5578

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed by Representative Frederick F. Abueg as House Bill (H.B.) No. 05132 in the 16th Congress and as H.B. No. 1847 during the 17th Congress. Both bills were referred to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.


The proposed bill seeks to convert the five-kilometer (5 km.) provincial road from the National Highway, known as Contreras Street, passing through Sitio Racub leading to Sitio Bukid-bukid in Barangay Rio Tuba in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, into a national road and to appropriate funds for the concreting and maintenance thereof.

The municipality of Bataraza previously formed part of the municipality of Brooke's Point. Located at the southernmost tip of mainland Palawan, it has a total land area of 726.2 square kilometers (km²) and a distance of approximately 225 kilometers away from Puerto Princesa City, and about five (5) to six (6) hours travel by land. Sitio Racub and Sitio Bukid-bukid are two sitios covered by Barangay Rio Tuba, known for mineral resource exploration.

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 so that the national government fund will 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 result of concreting of roads, as well as their repair, maintenance and improvement, greatly affect the people residing in the locality whether for economic, tourism, or day-to-day purposes. Interestingly, roads provide numerous 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.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE FIVE-KILOMETER (5 KM.) PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY, KNOWN AS CONTRERAS STREET, PASSING THROUGH SITIO RACUB LEADING TO SITIO BUKID-BUKID IN BARANGAY RIO TUBA, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, 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 five-kilometer (5 km.) provincial road traversing the National
2 Highway, known as Contreras Street, passing through Sitio Racub leading to Sitio
3 Bukid-bukid in Barangay Rio Tuba in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of
4 Palawan is hereby converted into a national road.

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
7 said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
8 Act.

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

Approved,