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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1375



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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FREDENIL H. CASTRO

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

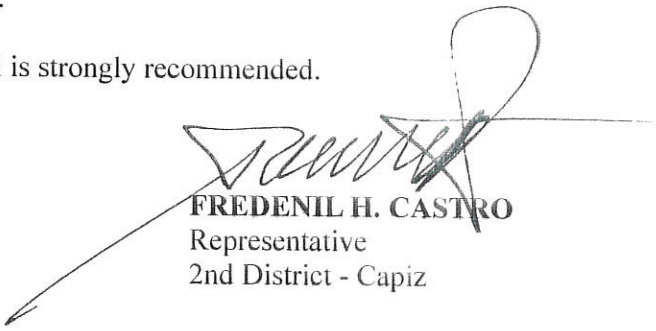
This bill aims to convert the road stretching from Barangays Maindang - Agdahon - Mainit - Agnaga - Carataya - San Antonio - Putian - Mahunod Hunod Roads in the Municipality of Cuartero to Barangays Astorga - Dacuton to National Highway (San Rafael-Iloilo Road) in the Municipality of Dumarao Province, All in the Province of Capiz into a national road.

Roads are the lifeblood of a vibrant economy. In this instance, the said road connects the Province of Iloilo, which is the business center of Panay Island to the 2nd District of Capiz. Hence goods and services from both sides are always traded via this route.

Farmers and Agricultural traders use the road to haul corn, rice, vegetables and other agricultural products including sugarcane among others. The faster delivery of goods and services, the increased trade activity, and the influx of possible investors would boost economic growth. This road is also heavily used by college students from Capiz who are studying in Iloilo, and go home weekly to the Province of Capiz; the said road is also frequently used by ambulances and or other vehicles used by patients to go to Iloilo City for laboratory exams and medical procedures which are otherwise unavailable in the local hospitals of the Province of Capiz.

The local government units of Dumarao and Cuartero could not afford to allocate funds for the maintenance and repair of the said road.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

  
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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAYS MAINDANG - AGDAHON - MAINIT - AGNAGA - CARATAYA - SAN ANTONIO - PUTIAN - MAHUNODHUNOD ROADS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUARTERO TO BARANGAYS ASTORGA - DACUTON TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY (SAN RAFAEL-ILOILO ROAD) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMARAO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A 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 road stretching from Barangays Maindang - Agdahon - Mainit - Agnaya - Carataya - San Antonio - Putian - Mahunod Hunod Roads in the Municipality of Cuartero to Barangays Astorga - Dacuton - San Rafael-Iloilo Roads in the Municipality of Dumarao, all in the Province of Capiz as described in the technical description under the succeeding section of this Act is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The technical description of the road is as follows:

From JNR Dacuton-Astorga-San Antonio-Agnaga-Agdahon-Maindang Road with a distance of 21,780 L.M., bearing Latitude 11° 15' 60" N Longitude 122° 41' 00" E to Latitude 11° 18' 56" N Longitude 122° 44' 26" E.

LINES	BEARINGS	DISTANCES
Km. 89+030 to Km. 110+810	Latitude 11° 15' 60" N	21,780 L.M.
	Longitude 122° 41' 00" E to	
	Latitude 11° 18' 56" N	
	Longitude 122° 44' 26" E	

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Departments program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General appropriations Act.

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

Approved,