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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 5757

Introduced by HON. VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the circumferential road in Ponson Island of the Camotes Group of Islands, traversing the barangays of the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Cebu, into a national road.

The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 4531, which was previously filed in the Fifteenth Congress. It has been approved in the House of Representatives for three readings per House Committee Report No. 02302. Consequently, it has been transmitted to the Senate of the Philippines on September 26, 2012. However, up to present the proposal has not materialized.

An improved road network plays an important role in the socio-economic development of a locality. Investment in roads reduces the travel time of people and makes the transport of products and services more efficient. The significant influx of local and foreign tourists in the Camotes Group of Islands, particularly to see and enjoy the Municipality of Pilar's picturesque views, sugary-white beaches, and pristine waters has contributed to the vibrant tourism industry in the area. However, to sustain and further promote the tourism activities in the Municipality

of Pilar, the improvement and maintenance of the roads in the island must be done regularly to address the need for increased mobility of people and goods. converting the circumferential road into a national road will ensure sufficient funding for its repair, expansion, and maintenance.

Aside from the boost that the tourism industry will get due to the improved roads in the area, the conversion of circumferential road in Ponson Island into a national road will also complement the efforts of the government to improve the country's road networks in order to provide the public with faster and easier access to basic services.

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



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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress, assembled:

SECTION 1. The circumferential road in Ponson Island of the Camotes Group of Islands, traversing the barangays of the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Cebu, is converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program, the repair, maintenance and

improvement of the national road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a news paper of general circulation.

Approved,