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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 388



Introduced by HON. MA. LOURDES T. ARROYO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the 22.74 kilometer provincial road in Crossing Magallon, traversing to Moises Padilla town proper- Barangay Cadre – Barangay Guinpanaan all situated in the Municipality of Moises Padilla; to Barangay Cambanting and to Barangay Biak-na-Bato in the Municipality of La Castellana into a Secondary National Road.

This provincial road connects two (2) localities, namely: the municipalities of Moises Padilla and La Castellana. The aforementioned municipalities are among the densely populated areas in the 5th District of Negros Occidental. These municipalities are endowed with natural resources and have their own distinct features.

The Municipality of Moises Padilla is known for its vast livestock yard in which traders from all over the island of Negros come to buy, sell and trade various kinds of agricultural and dairy by-products.

The Municipality of La Castellana is engaged in sugarcane, rice and banana farming. Aside from being a tourist destination for its natural springs, waterfalls and other scenic spots, it is also famous of its festivals such as, Bailes de Luces, Banana Festival and Senior de San Vicente Ferrer Day.

Converting said provincial roads into a Secondary National Road will enable a transport network that will provide efficient access to and from the municipalities of Moises Padilla and La Castellana and to their adjacent municipalities. Most importantly, the initiated road conversion will promote local growth and development of the barangays which the said roads traverse. This will expand opportunities as well as faster delivery of basic social services in the area.

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

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CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD SITUATED IN THE CROSSING
MAGALLON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOISES PADILLA AND BIAK-NA-BATO, LA
CASTELLANA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A
SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby a national policy to improve, upgrade, expand and maintain countryside road networks and the development of an integrated inter-regional and inter-provincial roads that will accelerate the movement of goods, services and people that would result to socio-economic development of the region.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to this policy, it is hereby mandated that the provincial road in Crossing Magallon, Municipality of Moises Padilla connecting to the provincial road in Biak-na-Bato, Municipality of La Castellana, both in the Province of Negros Occidental and covering 22.74 linear kilometers shall be converted into a secondary national road. This secondary national road shall be known and referred to as the "*Crossing Magallon (Moises Padilla) – Biak-na-Bato (La Castellana) National Road.*"

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in its program, improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect effective immediately upon its approval.

Approved,