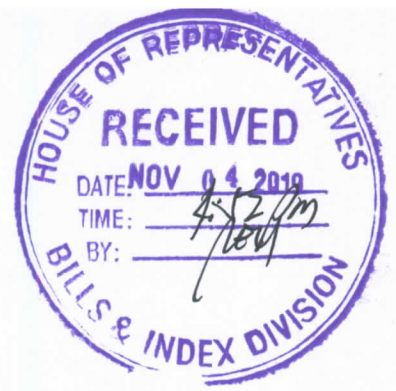


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5301



**Introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the road connecting barangays Bulatukan and New Israel in the Municipality of Makilala, Province of Cotabato, into a national road.

Roads make a crucial contribution to the economic development and growth of communities. They provide speedy delivery of the basic necessities, opportunities and important social benefits for the people and their livelihoods.

The Municipality of Makilala was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 63 issued on September 8, 1954 by then President Ramon Magsaysay. It is located at the southeast portion of Cotabato and the last town before reaching Davao del Sur.

At present, the Bulatukan-New Israel Road is Makilala's gateway to southeastern Mindanao. It serves as the access road leading to the top tourist destination in the province, popularly known as the New Israel Eco-Adventure Tourism Park. Also, New Israel boasts of being an ingress to the periphery of Mt. Apo National Park. The proposed national road begins at Barangay Bulatukan and ends at Barangay New Israel. The proposed conversion into a national road of the 4.5 kilometer Bulatukan-New Israel road will spur the tourism industry and stimulate the economic development in the barangays traversed by the said road.

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

**RUDY S. CAOAGDAN**

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