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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2693

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Introduced by: **REP. LORNA BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Malita is the largest municipality in the Province of Davao Occidental—population-wise and agriculture production-wise. It has a total population of 109,568 (2010 census) and is estimated to reach 117,418 by 2016. Its land area measures 512.59 sq. kms. where 30 barangays are settled. Production-wise, Malita harvested 2,493.00 metric tons of rice with an investment cost of Php 56,194,2014.00 with a total value of production pegged at Php 42,705,090.10. Its total production of corn in the same year was 36,249.50 metric tons with an investment cost of Php 89,032,500.00 and yielded Php 460,731,145.00. The Municipality of Malita had the largest area cultivated to rootcrops, cassava and tubers. A total of 449.38 hectares yielding 29,152.88 metric tons has contributed more than 29 percent to the total production in 2014. Coffee is another crop that has helped in the economic progress of Malita. Coconut, a high-value crop in Malita had a total production of 18,267.42 metric tons in 2014 with the value of production amounting to Php 425,630,886.00.

In spite of its high production on various crops, however, the problem that has plagued the municipality is the lack of navigable barangay roads that will help speed up the delivery of the harvest to prevent wastage and spoilage. The need to for the conversion of the 15.00km. H-Way Jct.—Talagutong—Baluntaya—Ticulon—Little Baguio Bypass (barangay) Road to National Road will minimize the time for the delivery of the produce and thus lessen wastage and spoilage of the same.

It is for these reasons that early approval of this Bill is sought.

  
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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE H-WAY JUNCTION-TALAGUTONG-BALUNTAYA-TICULON-LITTLE BAGUIO BY PASS ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The H-Way Junction-Talagutong-Baluntaya-Ticulon-Little Baguio By Pass Road in the Municipality of Malita is hereby converted into a National Road.

SECTION 2. The technical description of the road is as follows:  
From the Bureau of Lands Local Monument 27 (BLLM 27) of Brgy. Talagutong, Municipality of Don Marcelino, Davao Occidental to the beginning of the By Pass Road with a distance of 324.803 meters, bearing N 37 deg 7' 1" E.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's 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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.