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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE H-WAY JUNCTION-SAN AGUSTIN-STO. NINO-KISULAD-TUBALAN PORT ROAD IN THE 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-San Agustin-Sto. Nino-Kisulad-Tubalan Port Road in the Province of Davao Occidental 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 (BLLM) of the Municipality of Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental to the beginning of the By Pass Road with a distance of 248.888 meters, bearing S 4 deg 50' 24" 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.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

H-Way JCT.—San Agustin—Sto. Nino—Kisulan—Tubalan Port barangay road is a long stretch of 33 kilometers that needs to be converted into a national road. Tubalan Port and Sarangani Port are the two existing ports in Davao Occidental.

Tubalan is one of the densely populated barangays in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental. With fishing and agriculture as its main source of income, the barangay is one of the primary and major contributors of the town's fast-developing economy. People from the surrounding areas come to Tubalan to market their products. Local leaders and other officials of the government initiate projects to sustain its growth. With its economic and tourism potentials, Tubalan is now being developed as an economic zone. The plan is to make the Tubalan Port a dockyard for repairing and maintaining large local and international ships.

The abovementioned barangay road is the thoroughfare that serves commuters to and from the area. It is a rough surface road that is slippery when wet and dusty when dry. It can hardly be classified as a passable road to the port designed to serve as a cove for ships where national and international commerce and trade as well as tourism can be conducted. The potential of Tubalan Port as an economic and tourism center is not maximized for lack of better road; hence the desire to convert the barangay road to a national road.

For the above-cited reasons, approval of this Bill is earnestly solicited.

  
**REP. LORNA BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN**