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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE H-WAY JUNCTION-MALITA DIVERSION/ 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-Malita Diversion/ 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 25 (BLLM 25) of Brgy.  
Kidalapong, Municipality of Malita, Davao Occidental to the beginning of the  
By Pass Road with a distance of 1,188.671 meters, bearing N 49 deg 26' 27" W.

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**

Malita, one of the five municipalities in Davao Occidental, has vast arable lands planted to fruit-bearing trees like bananas, durian and other high-value cash crops, different kinds of vegetables, grains, even ornamental plants like rare species of orchids, and cut-flowers. In terms of staple crops like rice and corn, Malita had the biggest area of the former at 1,166 hectares producing 42, 705, 090 metric tons. For corn, Malita had the largest area harvested and also produced in volume with 36, 249. 50 metric tons. The economic potential of the municipality is such that the local government seeks to make it as a model for the rest of the remaining municipalities in the province.

The conversion of H-Way JCT.—Malita Bypass (Barangay) road to a national road, with a length of 12.069 kilometers, will provide a diversionary route that will help shorten the travel time especially in delivering farm produce in the nearest market. Converting the said barangay road will help connect to the nearest town center and thus avoid the traffic that could delay the unloading of perishable goods. These barangay roads are rough-surfaced, dusty during the dry season and muddy during the rainy season. Inhabitants in the area believe that when the barangay road is converted into a national road the poverty alleviation program of the local and national government will take effect.

In view of the above cited the reasons, early approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
**REP. LORNA BAUTISTA-BAUTISTA**