

Seventeenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4570



Introduced by Honorable Maximo B. Dalog, Sr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to terminate the collection of toll fees along the portion of the Benguet Road (Kennon Road) from Klondyke's Spring to Camp Six, repealing for the purpose Executive Order (EO) No. 34, Series of 1954, as amended.

The Baguio-Bontoc-Halsema Highway-Kennon National Toll Road is a national toll road that comprises three toll gates which are situated in Camp 1, Camp 6 and Acop, Tublay, Benguet along the Halsema Highway. The collection of toll fees at Camp 6 was implemented by virtue of EO 34, as amended, issued by then President Ramon Magsaysay on June 1, 1954.

With the passage of Republic Act (RA) No. 8794 on June 27, 2000, entitled "*An Act Imposing a Motor Vehicle User's Charge on Owners of all Types of Motor Vehicles and for Other Purposes,*" the motor vehicle user's charges are collected and deposited in special trust accounts in the National Treasury. The trust accounts include the Special Road Support Fund and the Special Local Road Fund which are used by the Department of Public Works and Highways for the maintenance and improvement of primary and secondary roads throughout the country.

With toll fees collected by virtue of EO 34 and RA 8794, which are both transmitted to the National Treasury, the road users of Camp 6 toll road are technically being charged twice. They are mostly farmers from Benguet and the Mountain Province transporting their agricultural products to the La Trinidad Vegetable Trading Post or directly to Metro Manila. Further, with the collection of toll fees, farmers are left with no recourse but to increase farm prices of vegetables and pass on the expense to retailers and consumers.

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


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2 **TERMINATING THE COLLECTION OF TOLL FEES ALONG THE**
3 **PORTION OF THE BENGUET ROAD (KENNON ROAD) FROM**
4 **KLONDYKE'S SPRING TO CAMP SIX, REPEALING FOR THE**
5 **PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34, SERIES OF 1954, AS AMENDED**
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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
8 *Congress assembled:*
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10 SECTION 1. The collection of toll fees along the portion of the
11 Benguet Road (Kennon Road) from Klondyke's Spring to Camp Six within the
12 Mountain Province is hereby terminated.

13 SEC. 2. Executive Order No. 34, Series of 1954, as amended, is hereby
14 repealed. All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other
15 issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed
16 or modified accordingly.

17 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
18 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,