

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. 10037



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JOEY SARTE SALCEDA

**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE DARAGA-LEGAZPI DIVERSION ROAD
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DARAGA AND THE CITY OF LEGAZPI,
ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD**

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to convert the Daraga-Legazpi Diversion Road, that connects the barangays of Tagas, Binitayan and Bañag, in the Municipality of Daraga, and the barangays of Bonot, Gogon, Cruzada and Bogtong, in Legazpi City, all in the Province of Albay into a National Road.


The maintenance of the road is critical to the sustainable urbanization of the Metropolitan Legazpi area, as it connects densely populated and newly-emerging population centers of Legazpi City and the Municipality of Daraga.

It also diverts traffic from Pan-Philippine Highway, helping ensure the unimpeded flow of goods and people to and from the port and downtown areas of Legazpi by allowing traffic to bypass these areas and head straight to major population centers such as the Rawis area where the Regional Administrative Complex is located, and towards the roads leading to the neighboring First District of Albay.

Traffic is expected to further build up as the Bicol International Airport becomes operational by October 2021, and begins accepting international flights by May 2022. These diversion roads ensure that port, airport, and urban traffic do not coincide.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is urgently sought.


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

SECTION 1. The Daraga-Legazpi Diversion Road, connecting the barangays of Tagas, Binitayan and Bañag, in the Municipality of Daraga, and the barangays of Bonot, Gogon, Cruzada and Bogtong, in Legazpi City, all in the Province of Albay, is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. 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 on the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,