

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

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. 10038



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**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

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**AN ACT  
CONVERTING THE DARAGA-PILAR DIVERSION ROAD  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DARAGA, PROVINCE OF ALBAY  
AND MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON,  
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Daraga-Pilar Diversion Road, that connects the barangays of Mayon, San Ramon, Bigao and San Vicente Grande, in the Municipality of Daraga, Province of Albay and the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon into a National Road.


This road is among the most crucial roads not yet nationalized, as it will ensure that port and airport traffic do not coincide and congest routes between Metropolitan Legazpi and the Province of Sorsogon.


The road is also part of the network of arterial thoroughfares that feed into the Bicol International Airport and its environs. For this reason, its proper maintenance as a national road is critical to ensuring that the free flow of goods and of people in the area is unimpeded.

The road is also part of the Guinobatan-Camalig-Daraga-Legazpi (GUICADALE) Economic Township Program, initially a State-led humanitarian intervention to move people from harm's way in risk areas to safer and higher grounds free from lahar.

GUICADALE is now an economic development platform to transform previously underdeveloped 64,000 hectares of these jurisdictions into a sprawling business boom center. As such, these roads are also crucial to fulfilling the countryside development objectives embodied in Executive Order No. 70, which espouses an all-of-government, development-centric approach to countering local armed insurgency.

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-Pilar Diversion Road, connecting the Municipality of Daraga, Province of Albay and the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon, 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,