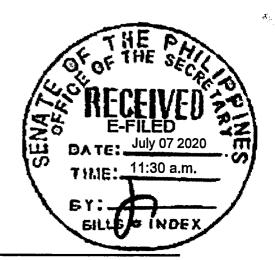
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SENATE S. B. No. <u>1661</u>



Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Lake Danao Natural Park located in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, originally named *lake Imelda* was declared a national park on June 2, 1972 by virtue of Presidential Memorandum issued by President Ferdinand Marcos. The Lake Danao has been described as a violin-shaped lake hemmed by cloud-capped mountain ranges. The lake is considered as Ormoc City's main natural attraction and it supplies potable water to at least seven towns in Eastern Leyte including Tacloban City as well as the source of irrigation for rice lands in some municipalities in the Province of Leyte.

However, the access road to Lake Danao Natural Park is a poorly engineered city road passing from barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro and Tongonan. There is an inharmonious situation, in which a national park could only be accessed by an ill-maintained, badly constructed road due to the low budget available in the city government.

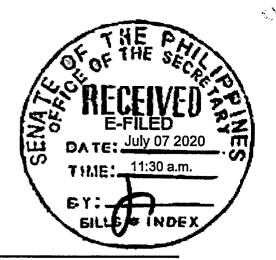
To address this concern, this measure seeks to convert the city road passing from Barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro and Tongonan leading to Lake Danao in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte. Furthermore, this will provide a well-maintained national park and a safe road in the beautiful City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. The City Road passing from Barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro and Tongonan leading to Lake Danao in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of this road shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

SEC. 4. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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