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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SERVICE ROAD LINKING THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SIDES OF THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX) IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

There are several studies on the possible relationship between transportation problems and economic growth and development. On one side, researchers say that the existence of transportation problems is an indication of a growing economy. On the other side, researchers say that it shows incompetence on the part of the government which results to economic losses, which both include explicit and implicit costs. No matter what relationship the two may have, it is undeniable that there is a need to fix these transportation problems.

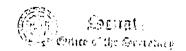
The North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) is one of the significant projects which brought about not only convenience on the part mostly of the commuting public but also allowed the continuance and even better and more effective economic relations between Central and Northern Luzon with Metro Manila and the rest of Luzon. However, the use of NLEX has become costly and impractical to many people, especially farmers and the commuting public in the Province of Pampanga, especially when it involves only short distance or inter-barangay travel.

This bill seeks to construct a service road along NLEX, within the Province of Pampanga to cut travel time, reduce cost, enhance rural productivity and link far flung barangays to their city and town centers. This bill also aims to address the traffic congestion through provision of an alternative route as well as to contribute to the further growth and development of the towns of San Simon, Sto. Tomas, Mexico, and the Cities of Mabalacat, San Fernando and Angeles in Pampanga, and other adjoining provinces.

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

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

Section 1. Establishment of a Service Road. A Twenty (20)-Meter Service Road 1 2 is hereby established linking the eastern and western sides of the North Luzon 3 Expressway in Pampanga to be hereinafter referred to as the Pampanga Service Road. 4 Sec. 2. Description of Site. The Pampanga Service Road shall stretch from San 5 Simon to Mabalacat, Pampanga and shall link the eastern and western sides of the 6 7 Luzon Expressway commencing from the San Simon Exit up to the Dau, Mabalacat 8 Exit. 9 10 Sec. 3. Construction, Maintenance and Improvement. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall be the agency primarily responsible for the construction, 11 12 maintenance and improvement of the Pampanga Service Road. 13

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Sec. 4. *Appropriations*. The amounts necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual appropriations of the implementing Agency.

1	Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. All Executive Orders and Administrative Regulations
2	and Issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of
3	this Act, are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.
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5	Sec. 6. Effective Clause. This act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after its
6	publication in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.
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8	Approved,
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