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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE CITY ROAD PASSING FROM BARANGAYS LUNA,**  
**DOLORES, MILAGRO AND TONGONAN LEADING TO LAKE DANAOS IN THE**  
**CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO NATIONAL ROAD AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

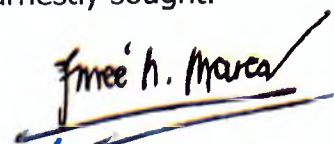
The 1987 Constitution, under Article X, Section 13 states that, "*Local government units may group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them in accordance with law.*" The State needs to significantly improve and develop tourism and economic activities in the country.

Lake Danao is a guitar-shaped lake on the island of Leyte in the Philippines. The lake is covering an area of 148 hectares. It is situated in the 2,193 hectares Lake Danao Natural Park, which also includes the Amandiwin mountain range. The lake supplies potable water to at least seven towns in Eastern Leyte including Tacloban as well as the source of irrigation for ricelands in some municipalities like Dagami, Burauen, Pastrana and Tabontabon.

The access road however, to the Lake Danao Natural Park is a city road passing from barangays Luna, Dolores, Milagro, and Tongonan leading to the lake, all in the City of Ormoc, Leyte. Unfortunately, the city road going to the Lake Danao is ill-maintained and poorly-repaired due to the low budget of the city government.

The measure seeks to improve the current situation of the city road to provide quality road network going to the famous and well-maintained Lake Danao Natural Park.

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

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

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

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

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12           **SEC. 3.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other  
13 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
14 repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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16           **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
17 *Official gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*