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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State needs to significantly improve and develop tourism and economic activities in the country.

Consequently, the government should focus on the improvement and appropriate maintenance of roads leading to major tourist and economic destinations. This is to facilitate access and thus promote such activities for tourism and economic development.

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

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AN ACT  
CONVERTING ALL ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND  
PORTS AS NATIONAL ROADS

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

1           **SECTION 1.** All roads leading to tourist destinations and ports are hereby  
2 converted and declared as national roads.

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4           For this purpose, *tourist destinations* shall refer to an area where there exists an  
5 establishment or group of establishments that has been created with the purpose of  
6 attracting tourists duly accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) pursuant to  
7 Republic Act No. 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009.

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9           On the other hand, *ports* shall refer to all existing and future ports, private or  
10 public, under the administration, regulation, management and operation of the  
11 Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 505 dated 11 July  
12 1974, as amended.

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14           **SEC. 2.**       The Secretaries of the Department of Public Works and Highways  
15 (DPWH) and the DOT shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars for the  
16 effective implementation of this Act.

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18           **SEC. 3.**       All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations,  
19 ordinances and administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of  
20 this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

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22           **SEC. 4.**       This Act shall take effect upon complete publication in the Official  
23 Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

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25           *Approved,*