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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10335

By Representatives Suarez (A.), Madrona and Yap (E.), per Committee Report No. 1287

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PACIFIC PALISADES SUPERHIGHWAY CONNECTING THE BICOL REGION AND THE PROVINCES OF QUEZON, AURORA, QUIRINO, ISABELA, AND CAGAYAN

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Pacific Palisades Act."

- SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to prioritize infrastructure development to stimulate and catalyze economic activity and progress in underdeveloped rural and countryside areas, in order to raise the standard of living and improve the quality of life of residents thereat. It is also declared the policy of the State to encourage and promote a dynamic and mutually advantageous public-private sector partnership in undertaking major infrastructure projects to relieve the government's fiscal burden in undertaking said projects and to benefit from the private sector's resources, expertise, know-how, and other capabilities.
- 9 **SEC. 3.** A national superhighway connecting the Bicol Region and the provinces of Quezon, Aurora, Quirino, Isabela, and Cagayan shall be constructed.
 - SEC. 4. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the appropriate provincial, city, and municipal governments and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall take charge of the implementation of this Act.
- SEC. 5. The amount necessary to defray the cost of undertaking and completing the feasibility study and detailed engineering design for this project and other activities related thereto shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the Secretary of DPWH shall include in the Department's program the construction of said road, the funding of which shall likewise be included in the GAA.
- SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.