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**AN ACT
MANDATING THE FULL REHABILITATION, UPGRADING, AND
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Bataan, in its rapid urbanization brought about by the ongoing infrastructure projects and economic activities, is about to further its development as an investment, industrialization and tourism hub.

The pending construction of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge (BCIB) is expected to facilitate the transformation of regional economies of Bataan and other provinces located further north of the province through "improved connectivity, new economic opportunities and jobs." With this development, Bataan is expected to benefit from the expanded opportunities for the "massive" economic growth in Luzon and the country. Corollary, Roman Superhighway, as Bataan's major national road, will be servicing not just the province, but also other nearby provinces that will be linked with the province.

The Roman Superhighway is named in honor of former Representative Pablo Roman Sr., who is acknowledged as the father of the predecessor of the present-day Freeport Area of Bataan. The road traverses into Balanga City and nine (9) municipalities namely Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, Samal, Abucay, Pilar, Orion, Limay, and Mariveles. The anticipated development will require the availability and accessibility of complementary infrastructure to meet the demands of increased economic activities.

This measure proposes the conversion and maintenance of Roman Superhighway as an all-weather road in order to maintain its working condition despite expected increase in vehicular load and fast-changing climate conditions.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure 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 Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall
2 undertake the full rehabilitation and upgrading as an all-weather road of the Roman
3 Superhighway in the Province of Bataan stretching from the Municipality of
4 Dinalupihan to the Municipality of Mariveles. Thereafter, the DPWH shall be
5 responsible for the maintenance of Roman Superhighway and shall ensure that it
6 remains safe and optimally serviceable.

7 Sec. 2. The DPWH, in coordination with the Region III Regional Office of the
8 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Provincial
9 Government of Bataan, shall evaluate and assess the current condition of Roman
10 Superhighway to identify the necessary engineering works to be undertaken for the
11 upgrading of the said road. Relative thereto, a feasibility study shall be conducted by
12 the DPWH to primarily plan the extent and duration of the full rehabilitation, upgrading
13 and maintenance of the Roman Superhighway into an all-weather road.

14 Sec. 3. In its full rehabilitation and upgrading as an all-weather road, the Roman
15 Superhighway shall have the following characteristics:

- 16 a. Maintains trafficability by vehicles under all types of weather conditions
17 including torrential rains and flooding;
18 b. The capacity to maintain optimal trafficability even with high vehicular load.

1 Sec. 4. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DPWH, the
2 DENR, in consultation with the Provincial Government of Bataan, private sector experts
3 and other stakeholders shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
4 proper and effective implementation of this Act. In formulating the said rules and
5 regulations, the characteristics indicated in Section 3 of this Act shall be further defined
6 in consideration of local environmental conditions.

7 Sec. 5. The amount necessary to cover the rehabilitation, upgrading and
8 maintenance of Roman Superhighway shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act.

10 Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
11 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,