

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1108, March 22, 1977]

AMENDING FURTHER THE REVISED PHILIPPINE HIGHWAY ACT, AS AMENDED, TO FACILITATE THE MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL ROADS

WHEREAS, the allocation and use of funds for the maintenance of the country's network of roads and bridges is prescribed in the Revised Philippine Highway Act, as amended;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to improve procedures for funding the maintenance of local roads and bridges to ensure fully effective local road maintenance programs by local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to improve the capability of local government to carry out their road maintenance programs in consonance with the concept of local autonomy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Section 8(d), Article IV of Republic Act 917, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8. *National Aid-Highway Maintenance Funds.* — The apportionment for national aid for tenance of local roads shall be determined as follows:

"(d) In order to qualify for national aid for said maintenance, provinces, cities and municipalities shall be required to submit for approval by the Secretary of the Department of Public Highways, an annual maintenance program two months prior to the start of each new financial year, for the entire network of roads under their jurisdiction. Provincial, city or municipal treasurers shall submit to the Department of Public Highways a quarterly certification of counterpart road and bridge maintenance funds for their respective municipality, city or province. Certifications made by municipal treasurers shall be attested to by their respective provincial treasurers. The President may set the level of counterpart road and bridge maintenance fund to be appropriated by local government units. These shall be initially at least equal to one-half of the amount of national aid in the case of provincial roads; at least twice the amount of national aid for city roads; at least two-thirds of national aid for municipal roads: PROVIDED, That the President may set local counterpart maintenance requirements for barangay roads which shall be appropriated by the municipalities or cities concerned."

SECTION 2. Section eleven of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 11. *Supervision and control of projects financed by the national government.* — The provisions of any existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, all highways work project financed by the national government through the Department of Public Highways expenditure program shall be under the control and supervision of the Department of Public Highways, subject to such laws, rules and