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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9270

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO “TONYPET” T. ALBANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to convert the Ilagan-Divilacan provincial road in the Province of Isabela into a national road.

The Ilagan-Divilacan provincial road starts from Station 2+740, Barangay Sindon Bayabo in the City of Ilagan, Isabela, passing through the foothills of the 359,486 hectares Northern Sierra Madre ranges, and ends in Station 78+226.549, Dicatian Village in the Municipality of Divilacan, Isabela. Road construction of Ilagan-Divilacan road started in March 2016 and it has a length of 75.486549 kilometers.

The road is envisioned to enhance the accessibility of the coastal towns of Palanan, Divilacan, Maconacon and Dinapigue from the mainland.

This proposed road conversion is attuned to the mandate of the Department of Public Works and Highways to open national road networks that serve as vital infrastructure to improve linkages among localities and reduce winding routes to and from destinations. This road conversion will directly boost socio-economic development in the area as it will open a major artery for more income generating activities related to agriculture, tourism, livelihood enterprise and transportation.

Hence, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ILAGAN-DIVILACAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE
OF ISABELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Ilagan–Divilacan road in the Province of Isabela is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department’s program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.