

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 786

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO "TONYPET" T. ALBANO,

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The San Pedro-San Juan-Lullutan Provincial Road is a 30-kilometer road network which connects the Santiago-Tuguegarao National Road and the Ilagan-Delfin Albano National Road. The whole stretch spans the economically emerging municipality of Roxas, Isabela through Barangay San Juan, Quirino and ending up to the provincial center of Ilagan City. It is a continuous seamless stretch which links western Isabela to the conomic and civic centers of the province. Through this thoroughfare, the agricultural and commercial products, along with the labor and skills markers of the municipalities of Roxas and Quirino, and Ilagan City are exchanged and traded for their common benefit.

As it is now, the 30-kilometer San Pedro-San Juan-Lullutan Provincial Road, is in a state of constant disrepair as it is dependent on the meager resources of the Province for its continuous rehabilitation and maintenance. While it may be the closest and fastest link of the Municipalities of Roxas and Quirino City, the limited resources of the provincial government hindered it from properly and sufficiently allocating every year what this road network actually needs.

The urgent need for the reclassification of the road's category is merited by the growing needs of the communities connected by this stretch. The linked municipalities are emerging communities and dynamic economic hubs which must be interlinked with the provincial center in the most efficient of ways. The conversion to the national road of the San Pedro-San Juan-Lullutan Provincial road will most certainly improve the exchange of agricultural and commercial goods and the trade

of services in the province. If the San Pedro-Lullutan Provincial Road is finally converted to national road, it will be well maintained and regularly paved affording the motorists and the traders fast and efficient thoroughfare to move goods and services from the Municipality of Roxas to Ilagan City and beyond.

The conversion of San Pedro-Lullutan Provincial road to a national road will definitely enhance access to government, civic and commercial establishment as a well-maintained road network will bring hospitals, churches academic institutions and commercial establishments even closer to the people in need.

As the provincial government of Isabela has budget constraints to provide the San Pedro-Lullutan Provincial road the same level of periodic repairs and maintenance of a national road, it has become imperative that this critical road network be now classified a national road. If it will be so, its conversion to a national road will also result to substantial savings in the current budget of the provincial government which it can now devote to more pressing poverty alleviation projects and other local government programs.

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



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY SAN PEDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS-BARANGAY SAN JUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF QUIRINO-BARANGAY LULLUTAN, CITY OF ILAGAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The road stretching from Barangay San Pedro, Roxas to
2 Barangay San Juan, Quirino to Brgy. Lullutan, City of Ilagan, all in the Province of
3 Isabela connecting the Municipalities of Roxas and Quirino to City of Ilagan, Isabela
4 is hereby converted into a national road.

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

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

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13 **Approved,**