

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 821

Introduced by Honorable Gilberto C. Teodoro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the 17.800 - kilometer *La Paz-Concepcion Road in the Municipalities of La Paz and Concepcion, Province of Tarlac into a National Road. It forms part of the provincial circumferential road network that include fifteen (15) road arteries, the conversion of which to national roads are also being sought.

The Province of Tarlac is a predominantly agricultural area. Its overall spatial framework is directed towards its development as the "Agro-Industrial Hub of Central Luzon" as envisioned in the Regional Physical Development Framework. Landlocked by the four provinces of Pangasinan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga and Zambales, Tarlac is in a strategic position for development takeoff, as it provides vital access to and from these four provinces. It is thus, imperative that the road arteries that provide the link be improved and properly maintained, as they serve as the critical links to the movement of goods and services in the entire Northern Luzon. The La Paz-Concepcion Road is one such artery forming part of the circumferential road network linking the various provinces in Northern Luzon.

While the administration of the Province of Tarlac recognizes the important role of roads in facilitating economic and other productive endeavors, it does not have the financial capability to undertake the function of its proper maintenance and/or continuous improvement, dependent as it is on locally generated funds.

This bill then proposes the Conversion of the La Paz-Concepcion Road into a National Road and providing funds for this purpose.

The members of the 11th and 12th Congresses have recognized the importance of this bill that they deemed it necessary to pass it on third and final reading and send it to the Senate for approval.

In view of the importance of this bill, approval is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAPAZ-CONCEPCION ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF LAPAZ AND CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR*

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

SECTION 1. The 17.800 kilometer La Paz-Concepcion Road in the Municipalities of La Paz and Concepcion, Province of Tarlac is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the improvement of said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,