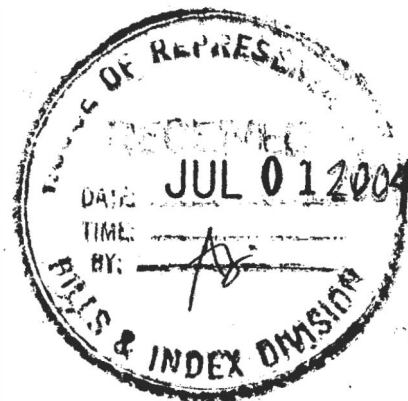


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our country's vision to achieve high agricultural production that will fuel fast economic growth and sustainable development especially in rural areas could only become possible if there is only a good road network. The lack or total absence of these basic infrastructure facilities is the foremost reason behind the underdevelopment of most parts of Mindanao, including certain areas in the province of Bukidnon and North Cotabato.

An area of south-central Mindanao which has potentials for high agricultural production--yet still remains largely untapped until now--is situated in the boundaries of Bukidnon and North Cotabato, particularly in the lower *Pulangui River and Arakan Valley sub-region*.

The land characteristics in these areas are rolling terrain and almost flat in some portions. It is being drained by a network of rivers and creeks which could be harnessed for irrigation and hydroelectric power generation. This territory, sparsely populated at present, has large tract of lands which remains idle until now due to the sheer lack or absence of good roads. This sub-region of south-central Mindanao, expectedly, is still one of the most economically-depressed area of Mindanao. In order to fully develop this territory and reverse the situation in a matter of years, it is imperative that an all-weather route - classified as a national road - must be built to link it up with *Bukidnon-Davao City Highway*, via the *Puntian-Kitobo-Kabalantian Road*, and *Kidapawan-Davao Highway* via the *Arakan-Kidapawan Road*. To make this possible it is essential TO CONVERT THE PUNTIAN-KITOBO-KABALANTIAN-KISAWA ROAD IN BUKIDNON AND ARAKAN ROAD IN NORTH COTABATO FROM A LOCAL ROAD INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING AND RECLASSIFYING THE PUNTIAN-KITOBO-KALAPATON-
KABALANTIAN-KISAWA-ARAKAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF QUEZON,
KITAOTAO AND KIBAWÉ, BUKIDNON, AND ARAKAN, NORTH COTABATO, INTO
SECONDARY NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

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

Section 1. The provincial road beginning at Junction Bukidnon-Davao City Road in Puntian, Municipality of Quezon; to Barangay Kitobo, to Barangay Kalapaton, to Kabalantian in the Municipality of Kitaotao, to Kisawa in the Municipality of Kibawe, all in the province of Bukidnon; to Poblacion in the Municipality of Arakan in the province of North Cotabato, **SHALL BE CONVERTED AND RECLASSIFIED INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD.**

Section 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the capital out-lay appropriations of the Department of Public Works, and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum maybe necessary for the repair and maintenance of subject roads shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.