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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2173**

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**Introduced by Honorable Elias C. Bulut, Jr.**

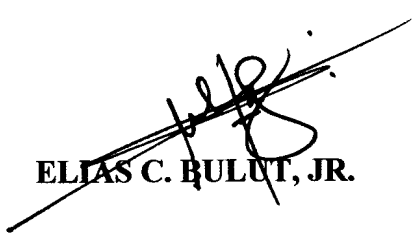
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed measure seeks to convert the Ayaga-Sta Marcela-Flora-Lasam provincial road in the Province of Apayao into a national road under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

This is premised on the need to hasten improvement work in the said provincial road considering its importance to the socio-economic development of the municipalities of Sta Marcela and Flora in particular and the whole province in general. Said road network is a major link of these two municipalities to the commercial centers in Cagayan province as well as to the other municipalities of Apayao. Its conversion into a national road is expected to result in the speedier improvement of the road so as to ensure year-round accessibility which is important especially in the promotion of trade and industry. More importantly, passage of this bill will open up the resources-rich Paco Valley area. Up to now, the rich resources of the area remains unutilized because of the lack of quality road network leading to the area, which has been cited as the main problem of potential investors. Lastly, a better road network is expected to lead to a more effective delivery of basic social services in the two municipalities mentioned.

Being a young province with meager resources at its disposal, the provincial government is constrained to undertake the full development of the road and its yearly maintenance. Considering the potential benefits of the proposed conversion to the economic life of the province, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING CONVERTING THE AYAGA-STA MARCELA-FLORA-LASAM**  
**PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Ayaga-Sta Marcela-Flora-Lasam Provincial Road in the province of Apayao is hereby converted and classified as a national road under the responsibility of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

**SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the said road shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following this Act's enactment into law and thereafter;

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**APPROVED,**