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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In previous years, the Paoay-Batac road enjoyed an annual allocation from the national government. It was operated and maintained by the personnel of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Thereafter, it was re-categorized as a provincial road without the requisite funding for its maintenance resulting in its neglect and disrepair.

As a strategic segment of the national highway, the road is a vital avenue for the transportation and communication of the people of Ilocos Norte. It allows commerce and economic activity, rendering even the inhabitants of the remotest "barangays" the opportunity to market their local produce and reach farther horizons. Thus, there is today the urgent necessity of converting it into a national road in order to adequately provide for its maintenance and improvements.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE PAOAY-BATAC ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Paoay-Batac Road connecting the municipalities of Paoay and Batac is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be under the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its improvement maintenance and repair shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved.