

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

**First Regular Session
Thirteenth Congress**

HOUSE BILL NO. 2364

**Introduced by
HON. VICTOR S. DOMINGUEZ and HON. SAMUEL M. DANGWA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert the Benguet - Mountain Province Provincial Road into a National Road which traverses the Barangays of Sapid, Tabio and Balili in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet; Barangays of Dacudac, Lenga, Pandayan and Cagubatan in the Municipality of Tadian and Barangay Guinzadan Sur in the Municipality of Bauko, Mountain Province.

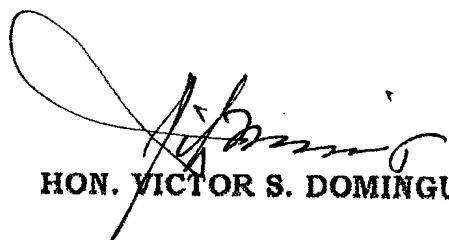
Stretching to a length of more or less thirty-five (35) kilometers, this Provincial Road starts from Sapid, Mankayan, Benguet, traverse the above-named barangays and exits at the Guinzadan Sur, Bauko, Mountain Province National Road near the Luis Hora Memorial Hospital. Along the areas traversed by this road are vast sprawling agricultural areas that produce various agricultural products, with rice and temperate vegetables as the lead crops. These products are shipped to Baguio City and also to Metro Manila area markets.

Actual experiences, however, have shown that due to the deteriorating condition of the road, products intended for Baguio City, Manila and other parts of the country cannot be ferried on time causing tremendous losses to farmers and middlemen alike. Also, farm inputs needed during the planting season, mostly from the lowlands find difficulty in reaching their intended destination.

Since the Provinces of Benguet and Mountain Province belong to the so-called Club 20, these provinces can hardly cope up with the necessary funds in order to maintain this vital route link. It is expected that when converted into a national road it will help spur economic growth in the area. It will also improve the tourism industry because the road will traverse the scenic spots to include (1) the Am-am View Decks (2) the Palidan and Gawaan Lakes (3) the Mount Mogao and (4) the Enchanted Eels that are found along the route would be readily accessible to nature enthusiasts.

These and many more calls for appropriate action especially at this time when this provincial road is fast becoming the short-cut route to Tadian, Bauko, Sabangan and other parts of Mountain Province if one wants to avoid the voluminous traffic along the Baguio-Abatan-Bontoc National Road which during peak hours is almost at a snail-pace.

Approval of this bill is therefore, earnestly urged.


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**"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BENGUET-MOUNTAIN PROVINCE
PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH TRAVERSE THE PROVINCES OF BENGUET
AND MOUNTAIN PROVINCE 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 Benguet-Mountain Province Provincial Road which traverses Barangays Sapid, Tabio and Balili in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet; Barangays Dacudac, Lenga, Pandayan and Cagubatan in the Municipality of Tadian, and Barangay Guinzadan Sur in the Municipality of Bauko, Mountain Province is hereby converted into a National Road.

Section 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the department's program, the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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