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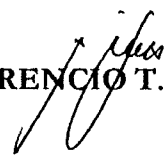
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the provincial road from the Municipalities of Numancia, Lezo, Malinao and Madalag in the Province of Aklan into a national road and appropriating funds therefore.

The Aklan Comprehensive Provincial Land Use Plan identifies agri-eco-tourism approach as the preferred strategy for the development of the Province of Aklan. This strategy aims to have a well-developed agri-industrial sector providing complementary support to the Aklan's eco-tourism industry and commerce and trade sectors. To achieve this, it is imperative that the agricultural towns of Numancia, Lezo, Malinao and Madalag should have the proper support infrastructure for efficient transport of their agricultural products to the economic center of the province.

At present, the provincial road network connecting Numancia, Lezo, Malinao and Madalag suffer from poor maintenance. In fact, Madalag has no concrete roads while those of Lezo and Malinao are mostly made of gravel. Evidently, the upkeep of these roads is beyond the capacity of the municipalities and that the Department of Public Works and Highways can do a better job in maintaining them.

For the welfare of constituents in these areas, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF NUMANCIA-LEZO-MALINAO-MADALAG IN THE
PROVINCE OF AKLAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Conversion of Provincial Road. The Numancia-Lezo-Malinao-Madalag Provincial Road in the Municipalities of Numancia, Lezo, Malinao and Madalag, Province of Aklan is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SEC. 2. Implementation. The amount necessary for the improvement of the 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. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,