



Fifteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 603

Introduced by Honorable Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Kolambugan – Tangkal Provincial Road in the Municipalities of Kolambugan and Tangkal, Province of Lanao del Norte into a national road and appropriating funds for the improvement and maintenance thereof.

The beneficial impacts of roads on production and on poverty alleviation are well-recognized in all parts of the world. Roads provide great benefits to the people, such as improving rapid and emergency access to hospitals, increasing attendance of children in schools, stimulating agricultural production by providing access to markets, and helping in the transition from pure subsistence to market-oriented production. A high quality road increases the population's mobility and ability to earn. Accessible road brings not only ease of transportation but a whole lot of new opportunities. The government's continued efforts to strengthen the economy should include prioritizing the rehabilitation of our roads for the community to better respond to the demands of a more fast-paced and dynamic way of life.

Although a provincial road already exists connecting Kolambugan at the Iligan-Aurora National Road to Tangkal at the Interior Circumferential of Lanao del Norte National Road, the local government lacks the budget to put its maintenance as a priority. Converting the Kolambugan-Tangkal Provincial Road into a national road will definitely facilitate agricultural and rural development in

the area, primarily in the marketing of the products of the towns in Lanao del Norte: abaca fiber and products from Iligan City, dried seaweeds from Kolambungan, ceramics from Baroy and peanuts from Kauswagan. The road's annual funding from the national government will also ensure its maintenance and rehabilitation. Thus, providing a better life for the people of the province.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE KOLAMBUGAN –TANGKAL PROVINCIAL ROAD
IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KOLAMBUGAN AND TANGKAL,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE 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 provincial road connecting the Municipalities of Kolambugan and Tangkal, Province of Lanao del Norte is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Pubic Works and Highways shall include in its program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,