

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 631



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIMI S. COJUANGCO

Explanatory Note

This bill seeks the conversion of the Pao-Pozorrubio Road into a national road. This road leads to the Manaoag Shrine, a popular tourist destination located in the province of Pangasinan. This road also functions as a by-pass road of the Pozorrubio-Binalonan-Manaoag Road and because it leads to Manaoag Shrine, plays a large part in Pangasinan's tourism growth.

The conversion of this road into a national road will surely benefit all motorists because the Pao-Pozorrubio Road is a frequently used road that already meets the average daily traffic criteria required for conversion into a national road. The entire stretch of road boasts sufficient drainage structures as well as bridges which will preserve it in the event of a flood.

The conversion of the Pao-Pozorrubio Road into a national road will not only benefit motorists and tourists but the Provincial government as well. The Provincial governments budget is limited which leads to a competition as to where the funds are allocated. As a result, the road might not be given the attention needed to maintain it and could end up falling into disrepair which will inconvenience all motorists and tourists that frequent this road. The conversion of this road into a national one would also mean that the Provincial government would have an increased budget to spend on other projects that are also in need of attention.

It is clear that converting the Pao-Pozorrubio Road into a national road will prove beneficial to not just the motorists, but to the Provincial government as well. By becoming a national road, the Pao-Pozorrubio Road will continue to allow tourists to see one of the best sites the province has to offer.

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2 In view of the forgoing, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill
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16 **AN ACT**
17 **CONVERTING THE PAO-POZORRUBIO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE**
18 **MUNICIPALITY OF POZORRUBIO, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A**
19 **NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

22 **Section 1.** The Pao-Pozorrubio Provincial Road in the Municipality of
23 Pozorrubio, Province of Pangasinan is hereby converted into a national road
24 under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways
25 (DPWH).

26 **Section 2.** The Secretary of the DPWH shall include in its program the
27 improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which
28 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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