

1 Republic of the Philippines
2 **House of Representatives**
3 Quezon City, Metro Manila

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5 **SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**
6 First Regular Session



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9 HOUSE BILL NO. 633

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12 INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIMI S. COJUANGCO

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15 **Explanatory Note**

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17 This bill seeks to convert the Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road
18 into a national road. This road connects the Manaoag Shrine, a major
19 tourist spot, to Urdaneta City, a commercial growth center. This road
20 contributes in large part to the tourism growth of the province.

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22 The conversion of this road into a national road will surely benefit all
23 motorists because the Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road is a
24 frequently used road that meets the average daily traffic criteria needed for
25 its conversion into a national road. The entire stretch of road boasts
26 sufficient drainage structures as well as bridges which will help in protecting
27 it in the event of a flood.

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29 The conversion of the Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road into a
30 national road will not only benefit motorists and tourists but the Provincial
31 government as well. The Provincial governments budget is limited which
32 leads to a fierce competition as to where the budget is to be allocated. As a
33 result, the road might not be given the attention needed for its continued
34 maintenance and could end up falling into disrepair which will
35 inconvenience all motorists and tourists that frequent this road. The
36 conversion of this road into a national one would also mean that the
37 Provincial government would have an increased budget to spend on other
38 projects that are in need of attention.

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40 It is evident that converting the Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road
41 into a national road will prove beneficial to not just the motorists, but to the
42 Provincial government as well. By being converted into a national road, the

1 Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road will continue to allow tourists to
2 see one of the best sites the province has to offer.

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4 In view of the forgoing, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill
5 is highly recommended.
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16 **AN ACT**
17 **CONVERTING THE URDANETA JUNCTION-ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD**
18 **IN THE CITY OF URDANETA, 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 Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road in the City
23 of Urdaneta, 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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