

Republic of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 646



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Introduced by Rep. **BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO**  
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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the stretch of road from Magapit-Lasam Road in the Municipality of Lasam, Cagayan into a National Road.

Magapit-Lasam Road is a barangay road connecting five (5) barangays of Lasam, Cagayan namely: Minanga Sur; Minanga North, Malinta; Nicolas Agatep; and Centro 2. It has a total length of 8.90 km. connecting Jct. Logac-Lasam-Gagabutan Road from the south to the Maharlika Highway (Asian Highway 26) to the North. The road is open to all types of vehicles during summer but four-wheeled vehicles cannot pass through during rainy days. The existing road composed of 1.80km of paved concrete with two (2) concrete and steel bridges respectively.

Lasam is primarily an agricultural community and its people derive their income mainly from farming and livestock raising. When this road is rehabilitated and paved, it serves as the most economical and shortest route to commuters coming from the eastern part of Cagayan to the municipalities of Lasam and Rizal, Cagayan also to the CAR Region. Moreover, it will greatly enhance the Socio-Economic Development of communities wherein most of them are corn and the famous "ARINGAY" rice producers and the so-called Rice Granary of the North. Well developed and maintained roads enhance agricultural production in support to the Food Security Program of the National Government.

With its conversion into a national road, funds from the national government thru the Department of Public Works and Highways can now be channelled to accelerate the betterment of Magapit-Lasam Road, and thus the hastening of economic growth of influenced areas.

This bill has been filed during the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, favorably acted by the concerned Committee, approved by the House on Third and Final Reading, and consequently transmitted to the Senate for its action. It was also favorably acted by the concerned Senate Committee but its consequent approval by the Senate was stalled by the sine die adjournment of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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

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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF MAGAPIT-LASAM ROAD IN THE**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LASAM, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,**  
**AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The road starting from Magapit-Lasam Road, Municipality of Lasam, Province of Cagayan is hereby converted into a national road.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the 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.

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

***Approved,***