

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 647



Introduced by **Rep. BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the stretch of road from Lucban (Sitio Ayaga Junction) – Banguian – Alinunu – Abulug (Centro) – Ballesteros (Centro) to Ballesteros (Zitanga Junction) in the municipalities of Abulug and Ballesteros, Cagayan into a National Secondary Road.

The said road serves as a link from the Cagayan – Ilocos Norte National Road to the interior municipalities of Abulug and Ballesteros. This road is heavily deluged with thousands of vehicles daily that caused their damage and fast deterioration. As a necessary consequence they have to be repaired immediately.

However, due to financial constraints both on the part of the Provincial and Municipal Governments, such repairs have to be deferred to await for the availability of funds thus, causing untold inconvenience to the riding public. To remedy the situation, there is an urgent need to unload the Local Government of the burden of repairing and maintaining these provincial roads by way of turning them over to the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The conversion of this road to a National Secondary Road will assure the allocation of annual funding for its repair and maintenance. Consequently, the riding public will have an easier, lighter, convenient and more leisurely travel. Furthermore, commerce and trade will certainly flow unhampered – creating an environment that forecast satellite economic activity all year round.

This bill has been filed during the 15th 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 15th Congress.

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

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH STARTS FROM LUCBAN (SITIO AYAGA JUNCTION)-BANGUIAN-ALINUNU-ABULUG (CENTRO) TO BALLESTEROS (CENTRO) - (ZITANGA JUNCTION) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ABULUG AND BALLESTEROS, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

SECTION 1. The road starting from Lucban (Sitio Ayaga Junction-Banguian-Alinunu-Abulug (Centro) to Ballesteros (Centro) – (Zitanga Junction) in the Municipalities of Abulug and Ballesteros, Province of Cagayan is hereby converted into a national secondary 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,