

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

16th CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 897



Introduced by Hon. MANUEL S. AGYAO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Apayao-Kalinga-Abra Provincial Road into a National Road. This is a refiled Bill which has passed Second Reading in the Senate during the 15th Congress but has not been enacted into law due to time constraints.

This Provincial Road which starts in Barangay Buluan, in Conner, Apayao traversing through Barangays Daga to Sacpil, all in Conner, Apayao to Barangays Taggay, Ammacian and Wagod in the Municipality of Pinukpuk, Province of Kalinga, and continues to the Farm-to- Market road from Wagod to Aciga-Tawang-Buaya-Mabaca-Gawaan-Liglig-Salegseg in the Municipalities of Pinukpuk and Balbalan in the Province of Kalinga until the border of the Province of Abra.

This Road has been in existence for quite sometime, but over the years, a large portion of the Road has become impassable due to its state of disrepair and lack of maintenance. The 20% development fund of the Province is too meager to provide a sizable amount for road maintenance.

Should this road be turned into a national road with the higher capability of maintenance and improvement by the Department of Public Works and Highways, the benefits derived therefrom will be great for all stakeholders. The improvement of this road will open vast tracks of agricultural lands, and small scale industries along this long stretch of road would be established, thus agricultural production is enhanced.

The improvement of this road will not only bring about economic development but will enormously contribute to the peace and order drive of the government. It had been our sad experience that where areas are secluded and utterly lacking of economic development, these areas become the lairs of lawless elements, especially the insurgents. Marijuana plantations abound in these secluded places. An improved road will bring about increase volume of traffic, more settlements and the presence of law enforcers will necessary displace all lawless elements.

This proposed road conversion into a national road moreover provides alternative routes to various places for the development of tourism, commerce and industries as well as agriculture. Agricultural products of Kalinga could be easily transported to the Province of Abra.

In view of the urgency of this Bill, it is earnestly sought that the same be approved.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE APAYAO-KALINGA-ABRA PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD**

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

SECTION 1. The Apayao- Kalinga- Abra Provincial Road is hereby converted into a National Road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of 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.

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

Approved,