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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Quezon City, Metro Manila

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1741**

**Introduced by Honorable Damian G. Mercado**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the St. Bernard-Hinunangan provincial road in the Municipality of St. Bernard, Province of Southern Leyte, into a national road.

The St. Bernard-Hinunangan provincial road is a vital link for transporting farm produce of the town such as rice, corn, coconuts, vegetables, and fish to nearby municipalities. However, the said provincial road is now unpassable because of damage due to floods and ordinary wear and tear. The lack of funds of both the province and the municipality is the reason the road cannot be repaired and effectively maintained.

The conversion of this provincial road into a national road will enhance economic activities, afford better employment and stimulate commercial undertakings. Moreover, the responsibility of its maintenance will be transferred to the national government through the Department of Public Works and Highways, thus channeling the resources of the provincial government reserved for the maintenance of the said road to more important projects and programs of the provincial government.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

  
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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE ST. BERNARD-HINUNANGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST. BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The St. Bernard-Hinunangan provincial road in the Municipality of St. Bernard, Province of Southern Leyte, is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the sum necessary for the maintenance of the road shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,