



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL No. **2107**



Introduced by Honorable Victor F. Ortega

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Balaoan-Santol Provincial Road in the Municipalities of Balaoan and Santol, La Union into a national road.

The Balaoan-Santol Provincial Road serves as the main access road that links the Municipality of Balaoan to the Municipality of Santol. Being a provincial road, its development and maintenance is the responsibility of the local government. However, due to the perennial problem of insufficiency of funds to develop and maintain said provincial road, the objective to maintain the serviceable condition of the road can hardly be achieved.

The conversion of the Balaoan-Santol Provincial Road into a national road shall improve the socio-economic endeavors of the respective municipalities traversed by the road network. It shall increase the existing length of the national roads currently maintained. Thus, it requires a corresponding increase in fund allocation from the national government.

By transferring the responsibility of developing and maintaining said provincial road to the national government, the economic performance of the municipalities and other adjacent towns involved will definitely improve.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BALAOAN-SANTOL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF BALAOAN AND SANTOL, LA UNION, INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND
IMPROVEMENT THEROF

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

SECTION 1. The provincial road connecting the Municipality of Balaoan and Municipality of Santol in La Union is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in its program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

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

Approved,