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HOUSE BILL No. 2157



Introduced by: **HON. MAGNOLIA C. ANTONINO-NADRES**

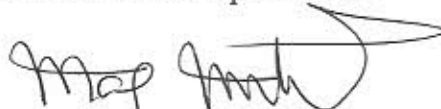
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Fourth (4th) Congressional District of Nueva Ecija lies at the southernmost part of the province approximately ninety-five (95) kilometers northeast of Metro Manila. This district is mainly composed of agricultural areas that depend primarily on the quality of roads in the transportation and merchandise of rice, corn, vegetables and other farm products for commercial and basic consumption.

The Jaen-San Antonio-Zaragoza Road is a provincial road that is directly linked to several farm to market roads of barangays within the municipalities of Jaen and San Antonio. As such, it plays a very crucial role in the flow of agricultural products, raw materials, fertilizers and other farm inputs during both planting and harvest seasons. It also provides access in the delivery of basic social and health care services to the people in the area.

However, due to lack of funds for the repair and maintenance of provincial roads by the local government, the Jaen-San Antonio-Zaragoza road has continued to deteriorate over the years. This added a heavy toll on the commuters as well as in the transportation cost of commercial goods that ultimately led to a decrease in revenues and income for the residents of that area as well as other adjacent municipalities. It has also lost its advantage of providing a safe alternative route to the progressive towns of Fort Magsaysay where major commercial and public establishments are located to serve the people.

Thus being a definitive factor in progress, the Jaen-San Antonio-Zaragoza road must be properly maintained and developed in order to provide a stable infrastructure for income generating activities, livelihood and employment in the countryside. This can be accomplished with the swift passage of this bill which seeks to convert the Jaen-San Antonio-Zaragoza road into a national road and thereby transfer its inventory and care to the national government where funds can readily be accessed for its maintenance, repair and eventual improvement.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE JAEN-SAN ANTONIO-ZARAGOZA ROAD
IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF JAEN AND SAN ANTONIO,
PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA INTO A PROVINCIAL ROAD

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

SECTION 1. The Jaen – San Antonio – Zaragoza Road in the municipalities of Jaen and San Antonio, Province of Nueva Ecija is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

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

Approved.