

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

16th Congress

House Bill No. **2736**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the provincial road which traverse from the Municipality of Arayat all the way to the Municipality of Magalang in the province of Pampanga to the Municipality of Concepcion in the province of Tarlac.

Road improvement is not only crucial to the development of the local government units it served, but to the whole country's infrastructure development as a whole. Better roads always means better economy. The popular phrases "road to progress" and "road to recovery" can be taken literally. A country which prioritize the funding of roads and road networks is on the right track, so they say, to economic recovery and towards progress. Improved delivery of basic services and the increase opportunities for trade and commerce are just examples of the advantages of having developed roads.

However, despite the willingness of the local government units to improve and maintain these roads, they lack the necessary funding. Processing of the request for funding for roadworks to the national government takes too long. Oftentimes, the requesting officials receive no positive results even until the end of their term.

The Arayat-Magalang-Concepcion Road, being a vital road and a major thoroughfare servicing a large volume of vehicles, it requires major repairs and constant maintenance. Sadly, the local government units, particularly Arayat and Magalang, cannot afford these road projects. And the only way that these projects can be done is by converting this road into a national road to insure its inclusion in the annual budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "OSCAR S. RODRIGUEZ".

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**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ARAYAT-MAGALANG-CONCEPCION ROAD OF THE
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AND PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD**

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

Section 1. The Arayat-Magalang-Concepcion Road is hereby converted into a national road.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby directed to implement this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved: