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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **2844**



Introduced by Honorable Sergio A. F. Apostol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The island and province of Leyte, populated nearly by a million inhabitants, is unfortunately a depressed area. Despite its natural resources, potential and ideal climate, productivity is very low, leaving much to be desired, principally owing to the deplorable lack of reliable national road complex to facilitate the safe and easy transport of people and products to ports and markets in and out of the area, and its vital access to and linkage with the main highways of the region.

This bill proposes to convert Julita-La Paz Road via Sto. Niño provincial road in the Municipality of Julita, Province of Leyte into a national road. A design calculated to effect the purposeful at last of an all weather national road network throughout Leyte, even if maintained merely as gravel but standard national secondary roads, while at the same time relieving the funds – starved Provincial Government of the duty it can hardly comply with to repair or to rehabilitate and to improve and maintain them. Considering the scarce budget resources now available, these are the only access road in Leyte so far specially chosen for such declaration and conversion, along the imperative need to serve populated areas and likewise cut through rich, rural agricultural country, thereby hastening the economic development of those depressed communities.

With the passage of this measure, ensuring as it proposes to achieve not only completion of such vital infrastructure but also their proper, effective maintenance improvement, the disappointments, even disillusionment of our people in that part of the country will then be nothing but a thing of the past. Approval of the bill is therefore earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CONVERTING JULITA-LA PAZ ROAD VIA STO. NIÑO PROVINCIAL ROAD
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JULITA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE,
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Julita-La Paz Road via Sto. Niño provincial road in the Municipality of Julita, Province of Leyte is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the completion of the construction of said road shall be charged to existing appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways intended for constructing new national roads, and those needed for their improvement and maintenance shall continue to be funded out of the lump sum appropriations authorized by law for the repair and maintenance of local roads until such time when improvement and maintenance funds for said roads shall have been provided for in succeeding Appropriations Acts.

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

Approved,