

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3497**



Introduced by HON. RANDOLPH S. TING.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Cagayan is geographically divided by the Cagayan River, the longest river in the Philippines. Among its twenty eight (28) municipalities and one (1) city, fourteen (14) municipalities lie along the western side of the Cagayan River and fifteen (15) on the eastern side. These municipalities are connected by two bridges traversing across the Cagayan River namely: the Buntun Bridge located in Tuguegarao City and the Magapit Bridge located in Lallo, Cagayan.

The Buntun Bridge was built in the 1960s. This 1.098 km-long bridge links the eastern municipalities of Cagayan to the western municipalities particularly the 2nd and 3rd District as well as the provinces of Kalinga and Apayao of the Cordillera Administrative Region. More importantly, Buntun Bridge provides access to the regional center where all governmental offices, institutions, hospitals and schools are located. It is also the main thoroughfare for the transport of goods and services to and from the province and the region as well.

The condition of the Buntun Bridge at present requires repairs and maintenance. Considering the lifespan for the usage of bridges, Buntun Bridge is about to reach its maximum usage considering that it was constructed in the 1960s and became operational in 1969. Furthermore, if the said bridge is damaged, the western towns of the province particularly those belonging to the 3rd District of Cagayan will be isolated.

In the light of the foregoing, there is a need to construct another bridge traversing across the Cagayan River connecting the western side of Cagayan to the rest of the province. Hence, this bill.

The immediate passage therefore of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE CAGAYAN
RIVER BETWEEN BARANGAY CENTRO, SOLANA, CAGAYAN TO BARANGAY
BAGAY, TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, a bridge across the Cagayan River between Barangay Centro, Solana and in Barangay Bagay, Tuguegarao City all in the Province of Cagayan.

Section 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged from the appropriations for the Department of Public Works and Highways under the General Appropriations Act.

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


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