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HOUSE BILL NO. 3580

INTRODUCED BY: **REP. MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

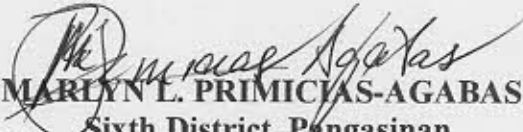
The Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road, spanning a total distance of 16.58 kilometers, connects the municipality of Asingan to the city of Urdaneta, the commercial and educational center of eastern Pangasinan. Being the most direct route when traveling between the commercial centers of Asingan and Urdaneta, motorists often use this route and due to the increasing density of vehicles passing through this road, its continuous use results to a constant need for reparations and maintenance.

With the agricultural sector playing a major role in the economic activity of the municipality of Asingan, roads play an important role in the transportation of products from this municipality to the other parts of the province. Inter-operability and effective trade between Asingan and Urdaneta are vital for the economic progress of both localities and of the entire province.

This bill aims to convert the Urdaneta Junction - Asingan Provincial Road into a national road. Given the province's limited budget, allotting a significant amount for maintaining the conditions of provincial roads such as this one depletes the province with a considerable amount of money, an amount which could have been used instead in funding other projects geared more towards social services.

Should the constant maintenance of this road be improperly handled due to a lack in funding, this would result in a negative impact in both trade and travel between the two areas. But by converting this road into a national road, all activities relating to its maintenance, improvement, and repair can have its funding sourced through its inclusion in the annual DPWH Budget.

Considering the above-mentioned statements, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE URDANETA JUNCTION- ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD
CONNECTING THE CITY OF URDANETA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Urdaneta Junction- Asingan Provincial Road, connecting city of Urdaneta and the municipality of Asingan, Province of Pangasinan is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Section 2. The Secretary of the DPWH 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 Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,