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HOUSE BILL NO. 3581

INTRODUCED BY: REPRESENTATIVE MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

Explanatory Note

Roads being an important venue in promoting economic growth within a region, especially in provinces such as Pangasinan which is heavily dependent on agriculture, the constant maintenance and improvement of these roads help in ensuring an open and easy access for transportation of goods between two areas, such as farm to market transactions. In this case, the municipality of Asingan, relying mainly on its agricultural products to sustain its growth, its capability to outsource products to progressive cities such as Urdaneta can be assured by keeping roads connecting these two well taken care of. One such road connecting the city of Urdaneta and the municipality of Asingan is the Urdaneta - Asingan via Calepaan Road.

The Urdaneta - Asingan via Calepaan Road is less congested than the Urdaneta Junction- Asingan Provincial Road, but still a significant number of motorists utilize this road in traveling between Urdaneta and Asingan. It is in this regard that this bill aims to convert the Urdaneta - Asingan via Calepaan Road into a national road. 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 General Appropriations Act.

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.

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


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**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE URDANETA - ASINGAN VIA CALEPAAN ROAD
CONNECTING THE CITY OF URDANETA AND 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 - Asingan via Calepaan Road, connecting the 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,