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HOUSE BILL NO. 3582

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Explanatory Note

The twelve-kilometer stretch of the Villasis - Asingan Provincial Road extends from the municipality of Asingan up to the Villasis section of the Manila North Road. Villasis, being one of the fastest developing municipalities in the province of Pangasinan, benefits from its easy access to public transportation and has one of the busiest and progressive commercial activities in the province. In contrast, the municipality of Asingan, relying mainly on its agricultural produce to sustain its growth, its capability to outsource products into a progressive municipality such as Villasis can be assured by keeping the Villasis - Asingan Provincial Road well maintained.

It is in this regard that this bill aims to convert Villasis - Asingan Provincial 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 DPWH Budget.

Given the province's limited budget, allotting a significant amount for maintaining the conditions of provincial roads such as this depletes the province funds 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 VILLASIS - ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD
CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VILLASIS AND 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 Villasis - Asingan Provincial Road, connecting the municipalities of Villasis and 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,