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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4519**



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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUBY M. SAHALI

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Lapid-Lapid – Kapatagan – Batu-Batu Road from a provincial road to a national road.

The road, which is presently in poor condition and needs repair and rehabilitation, is highly strategic, economically and politically, because it effectively connects by land the municipalities Bongao and Panglima Sugala.

Lapid-Lapid in Bongao and Kapatagan in Panglima Sugala are agriculture-producing barangays. Bongao, also, is the province's commercial center while Batu-Batu is the province's official seat of government.

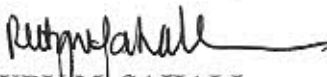
Sufficient funding is always crucial for road projects and, for lack of funds, both the Municipal Governments of Bongao and Panglima Sugala and, as well as, the Tawi-Tawi Provincial Government cannot embark on such.

Thus, the national government has to come in and provide the needed funds.

This is immediately possible if this provincial road is converted to a national road. It shall become a national concern and priority and that all works – repair, upgrading and maintenance – shall then be handled by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

With the conversion, such a road project would have funding through the General Appropriations Act that Congress will approve.

Passage of this measure is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT CONVERTING LAPID-LAPID – KAPATAGAN – BATO-BATO ROAD  
AS A NATIONAL ROAD**

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

**SECTION 1.** The 6 kilometer Lapid-Lapid – Kapatagan – Bato-Bato Road in the Province of Tawi-Tawi is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

**SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the improvement of said road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.