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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **4524**



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUBY M. SAHALI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert Bongao Junction – Lamion – Tubig Tanah – Simandagit Road from a provincial road to a national road.

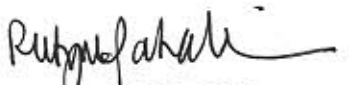
This is a road that has great impact on the economy and well-being of Bongao, the province's commercial hub and, as well as, momentary seat of government (Batu-Batu in Panglima Sugala is the official capital of the province). It is now in poor condition, very much needing repair and rehabilitation. For instance, the concrete pavements are already dilapidated, gaping cracks are everywhere and, even, the culverts are stuck full with mud and garbage. And, yet, transport of people and goods (i.e., with land transport vehicles) to and from the adjacent barangays is on hourly basis. It is a busy road.

The road connects Barangays Poblacion, Pagasa and Fisheries with Barangays Tubig Mampallam, Lamion, Tubig Tanah, Tubig Boh and Simandagit. These are densely populated communities, thus, the heavy movement of people and goods. Its impact to commerce and industry is obvious.

The road must now be repaired or upgraded to meet standards, so it could better serve its intended purpose.

As there are not enough provincial funds even for the maintenance of the said road, much more for its general rehabilitation or upgrading, the Provincial Government has to source out funds from the national government or concerned agencies. The road, then has to be converted to a national road to receive the needed funding.

Passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING BONGAO JUNCTION – LAMION – TUBIG TANAH –
SIMANDAGIT ROAD AS A NATIONAL ROAD**

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

SECTION 1. The 4 kilometer Bongao Junction – Lamion - Tubig Tanah - Simandagit 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.