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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. **5743**

Introduced by REP. RAMON C. NOLASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Baggao is a first class municipality, located in the eastern side of the province of Cagayan. According to the 2015 census, it is home to 82,782 people (2nd highest population in the province) spread across a total land area of 920.60 km².

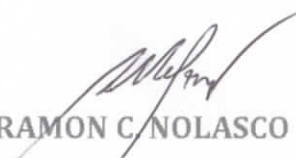
Baggao is rich in a variety of products like rice, corn, vegetables and even furniture. Moreover, it also boasts a number of tourist destinations like the Duba Underground River and Cave, the Blue Water Falls and Cave, and the Kalimudinan Falls.

Unfortunately however, the only accessible road going to and coming from the municipality of Baggao is the Baybayog Junction – Sta. Margarita Road on its western side, leading to the municipalities of Alcala, Amulung, and Gattaran. This confines the channel of commerce and tourism in Baggao to the few municipalities aforementioned. The western side of Baggao does have an access road to the adjacent municipality of Peñablanca and the nearby provincial capital city of Tuguegarao – i.e., the Baggao-Peñablanca Road (subject of this bill). Currently however, such access road is not dependable due to its very poor condition especially during times of inclement weather; and improvement thereof cannot be readily shouldered by the local government with the limited budget that it has. Owing to its proximity to the vast Sierra Madre mountain

range, the eastern side of Baggao is characterized by a mixed topography of valleys, hills and mountains that are dissected by numerous rivers and creeks, small lakes and intermittent ponds. In fact, 7,927.56 hectares or 7.90 percent of Baggao's total land area has a slope of 50 percent and above and most of them are in the eastern side. In addition, steep areas are sporadically scattered along the eastern, north central and south central portions of the municipality, definitely making it much more difficult and expensive to improve the said access road and establish a channel of commerce and tourism with Peñablanca and Tuguegarao City.

The conversion of the subject road into a national road would facilitate its improvement as then, the national government would appropriate funds for its improvement, repair and maintenance. Eventually, this would open doors of the municipality of Baggao to trade and tourism with Peñablanca and Tuguegarao City where various economic endeavors and opportunities abound.

Further, with the development of the agro-industrial and tourism potentials of the area, the quality of life of the people will definitely be uplifted. Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN JOSE ,
BITAG PEQUEÑO, MOCAG AND MABINI, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGGAAO,
CAGAYAN, GOING TO BARANGAY NANGUILATTAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PEÑABLANCA, CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND
REHABILITATION.

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

SECTION 1. The provincial road traversing Barangays San Jose, Bitag Pequeño, Mocag, and Mabini, all in the Municipality of Baggao, Province of Cagayan, going to Barangay Nanguilattan in the Municipality of Peñablanca, Cagayan, as technically described under the succeeding section of this Act, is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The technical description of the road is as follows:

From the Bureau of Lands Location Monument no. 1 (BLLM1) of the Municipality of Baggao, Province of Cagayan thence to point marked one (1) of the road with a Distance of 478.007 meters, Bearing S88° 31' 04.12"E, with the following lines, bearings and distances, to wit:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1-2	S12° 53' 54.83"W	444.567
2-3	S01° 52' 41.30"E	146.708
3-4	S13° 23' 52.40"W	443.593
4-5	S23° 25' 41.07"W	72.522
5-6	S31° 54' 20.49"W	572.793
6-7	S13° 26' 41.63"W	445.893
7-8	S04° 53' 05.76"W	468.898
8-9	S10° 49' 45.89"W	720.585
9-10	S19° 40' 11.07"W	1,136.454
10-11	S57° 40' 08.48"W	71.228
11-12	S41° 21' 04.39"W	56.749
12-13	S60° 43' 32.28"W	70.368
13-14	S43° 52' 57.88"W	190.662
14-15	S81° 13' 45.66"W	211.979
15-16	S51° 51' 44.50"W	36.556
16-17	S72° 49' 10.29"W	70.786
17-18	S63° 45' 33.69"W	117.916
18-19	S19° 12' 01.99"W	60.976
19-20	S39° 22' 17.92"W	186.028
20-21	S73° 18' 39.95"W	170.683
21-22	S01° 12' 55.71"W	79.961
22-23	S41° 09' 32.36"W	98.807
23-24	S21° 14' 17.07"W	117.303
24-25	S44° 01' 32.64"E	107.703
25-26	S04° 01' 34.15"W	157.543
26-27	S24° 04' 50.55"W	158.596
27-28	S10° 10' 46.92"E	418.844
28-29	S28° 01' 40.07"W	109.978
29-30	S72° 28' 58.15"W	74.621
30-31	S04° 16' 38.87"W	55.822
31-32	S65° 35' 16.99"E	40.507
32-33	S87° 02' 54.59"E	82.287
33-34	S52° 54' 04.92"E	59.277
34-35	S37° 11' 23.16"E	80.380
35-36	S39° 47' 13.18"W	137.755
36-37	S17° 14' 48.48"W	107.673
37-38	S39° 09' 07.75"W	137.288
38-39	S03° 05' 54.09"W	110.561
39-40	S24° 20' 55.12"W	209.318

40-41	S76° 13' 11.86"W	253.809
41-42	S31° 01' 47.79"W	123.040
42-43	S11° 30' 32.89"E	172.090
43-44	S72° 25' 23.22"W	207.600
44-45	S63° 08' 22.73"W	129.765
45-46	S73° 24' 38.16"W	130.113
46-47	S12° 34' 21.33"E	92.515
47-48	S28° 32' 58.17"E	73.320
48-49	S09° 18' 24.60"W	67.343
TOTAL :		9,289.763

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program, the improvement, maintenance and rehabilitation of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,