

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. **6157**



Introduced by Representatives Victor A. Yap and Carlos O. Cojuangco

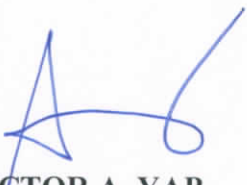
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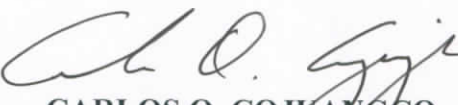
This bill seeks to convert the 25.230 – kilometer Sta. Ignacia-Guimba Road via Gerona – Pura, which traverses Sta. Ignacia, Gerona and Pura, Province of Tarlac, into a national road. It forms part of the provincial circumferential road network that includes fifteen (15) road arteries.

The Province of Tarlac is a predominantly agricultural area. Its overall spatial framework is directed towards its development as the “Agro-Industrial Hub of Central Luzon” as envisioned in the Regional Physical Development Framework. Landlocked by the four provinces of Pangasinan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga and Zambales, Tarlac is in a strategic position to be a development takeoff providing vital access to and from these four provinces. It is thus imperative that the road arteries in the Province be improved and properly maintained being the critical links to the movement of goods and services in the entire Northern Luzon. The Sta. Ignacia – Guimba Road via Gerona – Pura is one such road artery. It forms part of the circumferential road network linking the various provinces in the Northern Luzon.

While the Province of Tarlac recognizes the important role of roads in facilitating economic and other productive endeavors, it does not have the financial capability to undertake the function of continuous road maintenance and improvement, dependent as it is on locally generated funds. Thus, this bill proposes the conversion of the Sta. Ignacia – Guimba road via Gerona-Pura into a national road and providing funds for this purpose.

For the foregoing reasons, the immediate passage of this measure is sought.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE STA. IGNACIA-GUIMBA ROAD VIA GERONA-PURA ROAD
STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY NAMBALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. IGNACIA
TO BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, MUNICIPALITY OF PURA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE
OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Sta. Ignacia-Guimba Road via Gerona-Pura Road stretching from
- 2 Barangay Nambalan, Municipality of Sta. Ignacia to Barangay Buenavista, Municipality of
- 3 Pura, all in the Province of Tarlac is hereby converted into a national road.
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- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Sta. Ignacia – Guimba Road via Gerona - Pura shall consist of the
- 6 25.230 kilometer road starting from Km 146+390.00 to km 171+620.00.
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- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
- 9 Department’s program and improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the
- 10 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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- 12 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
- 13 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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- 16 *Approved,*