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HOUSE BILL NO. 7762



Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is an accepted economic premise that for countryside development to be achieved, the necessary inputs are in place: the support infrastructures, markets and consumer buying power. Of these inputs, government puts premium on infrastructure development and for a very good reason: farmers and other food producers have to bring their goods to the market centers and thus, would need good roads and bridges to enable them to access centers of business and trade.

While local government units endeavor to put in place good, enabling infrastructure network, they have limited financial resources to sustain its upkeep and maintenance. This is especially true for roads and bridges which handle high quantity of traffic. Unlike the national government, local governments most often would just have enough funds to open and build a road network but cannot develop it further to serve a continually increasing traffic volume.

One such vital road network in the Province of Ilocos Sur is the Poblacion Sta. Catalina Road traversing Cabittaogan and Sition Calawaan and Tamburong Road. While there exists already a national road from Vigan City to Poblacion Sta Catalina, the arterial road from this portion to the proposed airport and seaport need to be developed given the projected rise in road traffic brought by the strategic positioning of this place- adjacent to the municipalities of San Vicente, Bantay and Vigan City which would connect to the highway leading to Ilocos Norte and Metro Manila.

With Sta. Catalina town fortifying its reputation as the vegetable bowl of Northern Luzon, vehicular traffic would surely increase putting more demand for this road network to be improved and developed. With its agency mandate, only the Department of Public Works and Highways can undertake this but, on the condition, that this is a national highway.

This bill thus, seeks the conversion of the present road network into a national road for which early approval is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

CONVERTING STA. CATALINA ROAD TRAVERSING TO BARANGAY CABITTAOGAN AND SITIO CALAWAAN, TAMURONG ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Conversion into National Road. The Sta.Catalina Road traversing to Barangay Cabittaogan and Sitio Calawaan, Tamurong Road is hereby converted and declared a national road.

SECTION 2. Appropriations. The amount necessary to cover the improvement, repairs, and maintenance of said road as envisioned in the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the unappropriated funds of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the National Road shall be included in the Annual Budget of the DPWH.

SECTION 3. Implementation. The Secretary of DPWH shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,