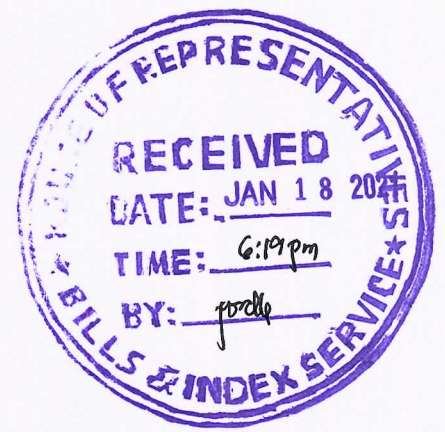


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8417



Introduced by **Honorable SAMANTHA LOUISE VARGAS ALFONSO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Cagayan comprises an aggregate land area of 9,295.75 square kilometers and is the second largest province in the region. It is composed of twenty-eight (28) municipalities and one (1) city, and is subdivided into three (3) districts with the second district having the most municipalities at twelve (12) as its political jurisdiction.

Cagayan Second District has in its political jurisdiction, three (3) upland municipalities namely Sto. Nino, Rizal, and Piat. These are hilly and mountainous areas that have agriculture as its main economic endeavor and are major producers of rice, corn, vegetables and other farm products. These municipalities can only be accessed thru' the Cagayan-Apayao Road located in the Third District. Going to these municipalities from the Second District will require one to go around, traversing thru the Manila North Road passing the municipalities of the First and the Third District. There is no national road linking these municipalities to the rest of the district.

The municipality of Piat is the home of the Basilica Minore of the Our Lady of Piat, a tourism destination site. Tourists and Marian devotees particularly from Regions 1 and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) who wish to go to the Shrine would need to go around the province to reach the place. The long travel impedes tourism and affects economic income derived from local tourism.

The barangays of these municipalities are agricultural communities where vast pasture lands are located. Despite being major agricultural producers, the potentials for development have not been realized until now because of inter-town/province and regional connectivity. Moreover, since these municipalities can only be reached thru' the Cagayan-Apayao Road, the delivery of basic governmental services and rescue operations are hampered particularly during calamities as they become isolated from the other municipalities of the Second District particularly when the roads in Alcala, Cagayan (First

District) and Tuguegarao City (Third District) become flooded and impassable.

This conversion of the Centro Lasam – Sto. Nino – Piat Road connecting to the Cagayan-Apayao Road into a national road will help in its progress and development.

For the benefit of constituents in these areas, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CENTRO LASAM – STO. NINO – PIAT
ROAD CONNECTING TO THE CAGAYAN – APAYAO 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 of Baranagay/Municipal/Provincial Road. The Centro Lasam – Sto. Nino – Piat Road connecting to the Cagayan-Apayao Road into a National Road is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public works and Highways (DPWH.)

SECTION 2. Implementation. The amount necessary for the improvement of the 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. Effectivity. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,