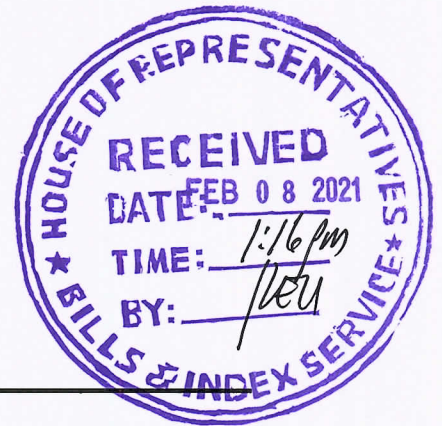


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8641



Introduced by **Honorable SAMANTHA LOUISE VARGAS ALFONSO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The municipalities of Second District of Cagayan, particularly its seaside municipalities, serve as the gateway to the Province of Apayao. Characterized as a mountainous province, Apayao is a major producer of rice, corn, and vegetables while also having several potential tourism destinations. On the other hand, the municipalities of the Second District take pride in being major sources of products from the sea such as fish, seaweeds, and crustaceans. Hence, connecting these two provinces will ensure a mutual exchange of local products and boost tourism which can stimulate the economic activities of the said provinces.

However, the transport of goods from and between these two areas, located in differing province and region, are impeded by the lack of access roads. Most of the roads are often impassable particularly during the rainy season as most of them are severely affected by erosion. The existing roads are either maintained by the municipalities or the provincial government which only work within their ample budget for road maintenance. The lack of a national road linking the Province of Apayao to the municipalities of the Second District of Cagayan impedes the local trade and tourism activities and stifles the development potential of these aforementioned areas.

The conversion of the Jct. Lasam-Labben-Mapurao located in the Municipality of Allacapan, Cagayan going to the Municipality of Flora, Apayao Road, which is approximately 14 kilometers, into a national road will help in pushing for the economic development of both provinces.

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

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE JUNCTION LABBEN-MAPURAO-FLORA,
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 Junction Labben-Mapurao-Flora, Apayao Road with a distance of fourteen (14) kilometers 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,