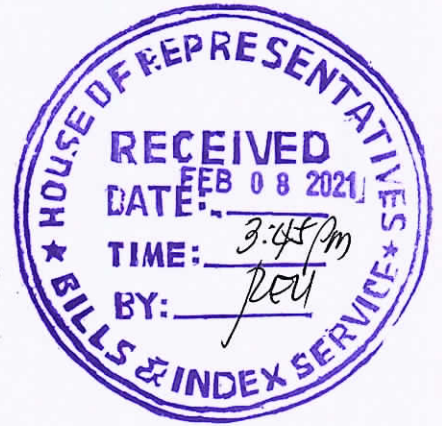


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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8645



Introduced by **Representative Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan**, First District-North Cotabato

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to convert the 21.927 kilometer Brgy Barangiran - Sitio Dulao, Barangay Upper Dado Access Road to Declared Tourism Destination (Asik-Asik Falls) in the municipality of Alamada, Province of Cotabato.

Alamada is a landlock municipality with a population of 64,596 people and a density of 82 inhabitants per square kilometers or 210 inhabitants per square mile as of 2015 census (Philippine Statistics Authority). Vast and fertile land, forest and water sources are some of the locality's natural resources. It has rivers and waterfalls that flow heading the lowland irrigating hectares of agricultural land

One of the natural endowment of the municipality is the Asik-Asik Falls or the Dulao Falls to the locals which is situated in Sitio Dulao of Barangay Upper Dado, **Alamada**, North Cotabato. ... The water then drops to a shallow rocky pool below before flowing into a stream tributary of **Alamada** River.



This water fall has a unique feature, as the water comes from the rocks, instead of a stream making it distinct from all other falls in the Philippines.

This Access Road leading to Asik-Asik Falls has received funding from the DPWH-DOT Covergence Program for its construction, improvement (concreting), but however, remain its category as local road. Because its funding for construction and improvement came from a special program, the local officials of the Municipality of Alamada and the Province of Cotabato want to assure that this Access Road leading to the declared tourist destination will receive regular and yearly funding for its maintenance and improvement. Hence, this request for the conversion of this 21.927 local road to a national road.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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JOSELITO "Joel" S. SACDALAN

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AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. This 21.927 kilometer kilometer Brgy Barangiran - Sitio Dulao, Barangay Upper Dado Access Road to Declared Tourism Destination (Asik-Asik Falls) in the municipality of Alamada, Province of Cotabato is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,