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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**

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House Bill No. 3104



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**Introduced by Representative Maria Rachel J. Arenas**

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE FOUR AND NINETY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS - KILOMETER (4.95 KM.) PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY ASERDA TO BARANGAY PRIMICIAS, MUNICIPALITY OF MAPANDAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill seeks to convert into a national road, the provincial road from Barangay Aserda to Barangay Primicias, located in the Municipality of Mapandan in the Third District of the Province of Pangasinan. The town of Mapandan is a third-class municipality and has a population of 38,058.

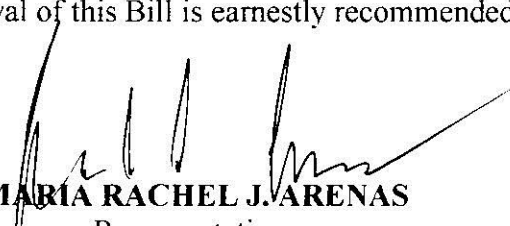
The provincial road from Barangay Aserda to Barangay Primicias of the Municipality of Mapandan is a rugged road, connected to the Provincial Road along Mapandan-Manaoag on one end, going to the Municipality of Manaoag, where the most important pilgrim and tourist site, the Basilica of our Lady of Manaoag is located. It is connected on the other end to the national road along Urdaneta Jct. – Dagupan.

Every year, the Municipality of Mapandan and the Province of Pangasinan have been allocating funds for the repair and maintenance of the above-mentioned provincial road, which comes from its development fund. However, the amount is a heavy burden to the local government. The cost of piecemeal and temporary road and bridge repair and maintenance that the local government can afford to allocate, will turn out to be more costly in the long run, and can even be more dangerous and hazardous causing road accidents.

Moreover, most of the national roads and bridges in the Third District of Pangasinan are approaching project completion. Hence, we seek to convert more provincial roads into national roads and bridges in order for the national government fund allocate ample budget to cover the repair, maintenance, rehabilitation, retrofitting, improvement and/or reconstruction of these roads and bridges.

The conversion of this provincial road into a national road would immensely benefit the people of Municipalities of Mapandan and Manaoag and the City of Urdaneta, Province of Pangasinan, since this is the only way they can go in and out of the vicinity. Likewise, the conversion will ensure a bigger budget for the repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of said road lines.

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



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

SECTION 1. The provincial road from Barangay Aserda to Barangay Primicias, Municipality of Mapandan, Province of Pangasinan, 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 (1) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*