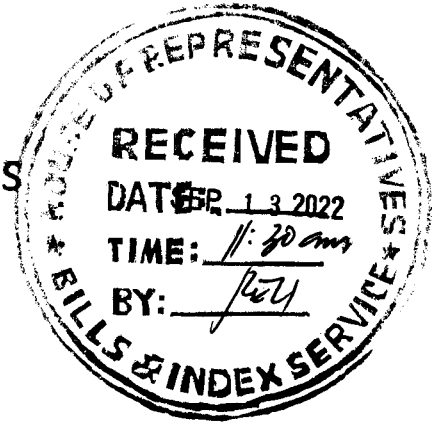




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

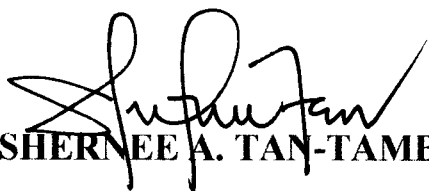
This bill seeks to convert the Bato Ugis-Lower Talipao Provincial Road, traversing the municipalities of Maimbung and Talipao, Province of Sulu, into a national road.

The Bato Ugis-Lower Talipao Provincial Road has a length of 10.39 kilometers. It is part of the Sulu Island Circumferential Road which serves as a key thoroughfare in the Province of Sulu as it connects the coastal municipalities of the province to the capital town of Jolo, particularly the Jolo Port and Jolo Airport. The people of Sulu use the road to access the different municipal ports and transport commodities and products of the province to other economic centers outside the province, like Isabela City in Basilan and Zamboanga City, and the port of Bongao in Tawi Tawi. The Sulu Circumferential Road and its arterial roads also connect to some beaches and recreational resorts that are potential tourist destinations.

The conversion of the Bato Ugis-Lower Talipao Provincial Road into a national road will facilitate the easy movement of goods, people and services because the road will be efficiently maintained by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Aside from the economic benefits, the conversion of the provincial road into a national road will also help attain genuine peace and order in the province as law enforcement personnel may speedily and safely traverse the area.

Given the indispensable nature of the Bato Ugis-Lower Talipao Provincial Road to the inhabitants of the municipalities of Maimbung and Talipao in the Province of Sulu, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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ROAD TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAIMBUNG AND
TALIPAO IN THE PROVINCE OF SULU INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Bato Ugis-Lower Talipao Provincial Road, traversing the municipalities of Maimbung and Talipao in the Province of Sulu, is hereby converted into a national road.

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

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,