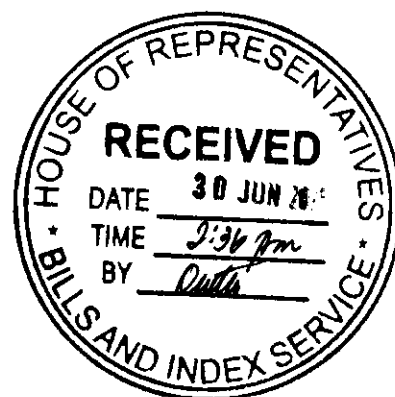




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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Simora-Palapag Road, currently classified as a Provincial Road, to a National Road and appropriating funds therefor.

Simora-Palapag Road is approximately 18 kilometers in length and traverses through Brgy. Simora, Brgy. Tangbo, Brgy. E.J. Dulay, Brgy. Rombang, Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar crossing through Brgy. Jangtud, Brgy. Mabararas, Brgy. Matambag and Brgy. Magsaysay of the Municipality of Palapag, Northern Samar.

The road is envisioned to enhance the accessibility for the people coming from the towns of Laoang, Palapag, Catubig, and Las Navas. This shall also ease the movement of agricultural products from the aforementioned municipalities to the market.

This proposed road conversion is expected to significantly enhance socio-economic development in the area by establishing a key access route which will facilitate increased income-generating opportunities in agriculture, tourism, and transportation, among others.

Finally, in order to open national road networks and reduce winding routes to and from destinations within Northern Samar and its neighboring provinces, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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PROVINCIAL ROAD, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, 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 existing Simora-Palapag Provincial Road, located in the Province of Northern Samar, traversing through Brgy. Simora, Brgy. Tangbo, Brgy. E.J. Dulay, and Brgy. Rombang of the Municipality of Laoang and crossing through Brgy. Jangtud, Brgy. Mabararas, Brgy. Matambag, and Brgy. Magsaysay of the Municipality of Palapag is hereby converted into a national road.

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

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

*Approved,*