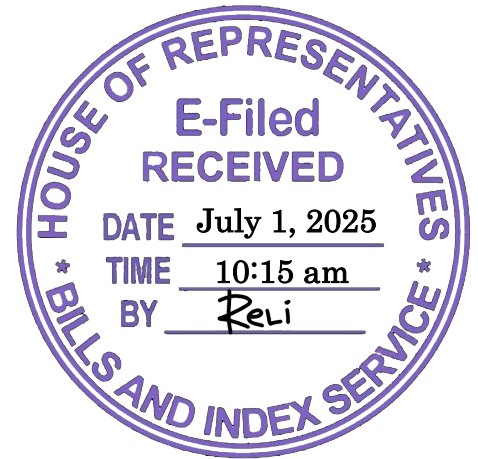




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TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 731

Introduced by **Representative SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was originally filed as House Bill No. 4482 in the 14th Congress, was re-filed as House Bill No. 3360 in the 18th Congress on August 1, 2019 and was again refiled on July 13, 2022 as House Bill No. 1896 in the 19th Congress.

The proposed house measure is aimed at converting the Asipulo-Lamut-Lagawe-Aguinaldo Provincial Road into a National Road which would consequently allow the provision of necessary funds for its development and maintenance.

The Asipulo-Lamut-Lagawe-Aguinaldo Provincial Road is a vital road that starts from barangays Haliap and Panubtuban in the Municipality of Asipulo, and traverses through barangays Umilag, Panopdopan, Lawig, Mabatobato, Poblacion and Hapid in the Municipality of Lamut. It continues to barangays Tupaya and Dulao in the Municipality of Lagawe. It further extends to barangays Alimit and Maguitawa in the Municipality of Aguineldo. This road network is a crucial route for the economic nature of the province which is agricultural. Rice, corn, vegetables, and other crops are commonly transported from one area to another, hence, the need to have a well-maintained road. As an agricultural place, these goods are major determinants of the Ifugao economy. Furthermore, this road

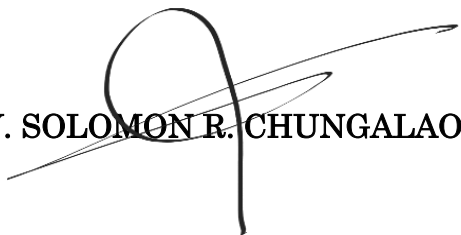
network is also essential to the accessibility of one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, the Ifugao rice terraces.

The road network herein proposed to be converted into a national road is strategically located in the areas mainly dedicated to tourism and agricultural production and very vital to accelerate development and increase agricultural and economic activities essential to support agriculture.

The conversion of the said road will facilitate faster and more efficient transportation of essential agricultural goods, and the delivery of necessary agricultural services. It is projected that such road conversion shall promote livelihood opportunities, encourage competitive flow of investment, and shall ultimately enhance the economic and social living conditions, not just of the people farming and living along the roads, but also those in the arterial roads that are connected to it.

The proposed conversion arises out of extreme necessity and urgency.

In view of the foregoing premises, immediate enactment of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ASIPULO-LAMUT-LAGAWE-AGUINALDO PROVINCIAL
ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

SECTION 1. The Asipulo-Lamut-Lagawe-Aguinaldo Provincial Road traversing barangays Haliap and Panubtuban in the Municipality of Asipulo; barangays Umilag, Panopdopan, Lawig, Mabatobato, Poblacion, and Hapid in the Municipality of Lamut; barangays Tupaya and Dulao in the Municipality of Lagawe; and barangays Alimit and Maguitawa in the Municipality of Aguinaldo, Province of Ifugao is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this including in the Department the program of its improvement, repairs and maintenance, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette and in any newspaper of general circulations.

Approved,