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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **1143**

Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMCIAS-AGABAS**

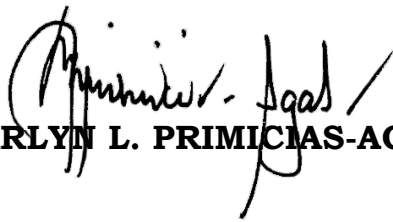
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Asingan-Urdaneta Junction Provincial Road to a National Road in the Province of Pangasinan. On account of the road's importance as a major commercial route to all types of commercial vehicles in the Province of Pangasinan, there is a need to file this bill for its conversion into a national road.

The Asingan -Urdaneta Junction Provincial Road, spanning a total distance of 16.58 kilometers, connects the Municipality of Asingan to the City of Urdaneta, the latter being the commercial and educational center in eastern Pangasinan. The road is also a major gateway from eastern to central and western Pangasinan. Being a major commercial route, there is an annual increase of vehicle density thus exposing said road to major use. The need therefore to convert the same to a national road is most compelling given the fact that its major and constant use will consequently require periodic maintenance to keep it in good condition.

With the conversion of Asingan-Urdaneta Junction to a provincial road, its improvement and maintenance can be included in the annual budgetary allocation of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). Given the budgetary constraints of the province, the allocation by the province of its annual funding for the maintenance and regular upkeep of its provincial roads considerably affects its financial cupboard. Its conversion into a national road will free and unbind the province of road maintenance funds which can be used for other equally important infrastructure programs of the province.

Given the socio-economic benefits that the conversion will create, the immediate passage of the bill is therefore earnestly sought.



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JUNCTION PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN
AND THE CITY OF URDANETA, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FROM
A PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Asingan-Urdaneta Junction Provincial Road in
the Municipality of Asingan and the City of Urdaneta 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 the 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
its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in the newspaper of
general circulation.

Approved,