



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1218



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V**

AN ACT
CONVERTING BACNOTAN-SAN GABRIEL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES
OF BACNOTAN AND SAN GABRIEL, PROVINCE OF LA UNION INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Bacnotan-San Gabriel Road in the Municipalities of Bacnotan and San Gabriel, Province of La Union into a national road and appropriating funds for the improvement and maintenance thereof.

The beneficial impacts of roads on production and on poverty alleviation are well-recognized in all parts of the world. It is a fact that development hinges on the community's access to basic needs. Similarly, lack of access of good road networks impacts the incomes and welfare of the people. A high-quality road increases the population's mobility and improves their ability to earn. The government's continued efforts to strengthen the economy should include prioritizing the rehabilitation of our roads, for the community to better respond to the demands of a more fast-paced and dynamic way of life.

Although a provincial road already exists connecting the Municipalities of Bacnotan and San Gabriel, the local government lacks the budget to put its maintenance as a priority. Converting the Bacnotan-San Gabriel Road to a national road will definitely facilitate agricultural and rural development in the area. The road's annual funding from the national government will ensure its rehabilitation and maintenance.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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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 connecting the Municipalities of Bacnotan and San Gabriel, Province of La Union is hereby converted in to a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways

SECTION. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the 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 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,