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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5143



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION OSUKAN, LABASON - KALAWIT -
NAMNAMA, TITAY NATIONAL ROAD INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution is the State's solemn duty to advance equitable development and uphold social justice. Article XII, Section 9 affirms this obligation by mandating the State to promote a just and dynamic social order—one that ensures national prosperity and independence through policies that provide adequate social services, broaden economic opportunities, and uplift the quality of life for all Filipinos, especially the poor, the marginalized, and those long left behind by progress.

It is in this spirit that this proposed measure seeks the conversion of the *Junction Osukan, Labason - Kalawit - Namnama, Titay Road* into a secondary national road, placing it under the direct supervision and maintenance of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). More than a mere road upgrade, this conversion is intended to establish a vital exit and linkage corridor between the interior and coastal municipalities of Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga Sibugay, and the existing Junction Ipil-Liloy-Sindangan national road.

Spanning two provinces—Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga Sibugay—this critical corridor connects coastal, upland, and interior barangays that have long remained isolated. At present, residents along this route face prohibitive travel times, deteriorating road conditions, and limited access to basic services. Farmers and fisherfolk—most of whom live below the poverty threshold—struggle to bring their goods to market or to access education, healthcare, and government support.

By formally connecting this corridor to an existing national arterial route, the measure will significantly improve regional mobility, decongest alternative bottleneck areas, and reduce travel times between isolated barangays and major trade centers. It will also improve government service delivery and support peace and development efforts in these provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the swift passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The national road stretching from Junction Osukan in the Municipalities of Labason and Kalawit, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, to Barangay Namnama in the Municipality of Titay, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, is hereby converted into a secondary national road.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair, and maintenance 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,