

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 5389



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Baguio-Balatoc Provincial Road into a national road. Placing the road under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall assume responsibility for its repair, maintenance, and improvement.

On August 1, 1977, the road connecting the Balatoc Road in Itogon to Kias Road in Baguio City was declared a provincial road under Provincial Resolution No. 435 and was thereafter named the Baguio-Balatoc Provincial Road. Since then, it has served as an important thoroughfare linking the Municipality of Itogon to Baguio City, facilitating mobility, commerce, and access to basic services for residents and visitors alike.

Despite its significance, the development and maintenance of the road have remained primarily dependent on the provincial government's resources, which are often limited compared to the demands of road upkeep and the growing volume of travelers and trade passing through the area. The classification of the road as provincial restricts its full potential to serve as a major route for socio-economic activity and tourism.

Once converted, the road is envisioned to become a stronger driver of socio-economic development, particularly in boosting the mining, agriculture, and small-scale industries of Itogon, while also enhancing access to tourist destinations in Benguet and Baguio City.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BAGUIO - BALATOC PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET 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 Baguio - Balatoc Provincial Road in the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet, is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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,