

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

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5390**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Labey–Lacamen Provincial Road in Barangays Ambuklao, Bokod, and Ambassador, Tublay, Province of Benguet, into a national road. This ensures that this vital infrastructure receives direct funding and maintenance support from the National Government through the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

On August 1, 1977, the road connecting Ambuklao in the Municipality of Bokod and Ambassador in the Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet, was declared a provincial road, which was named the Labey–Lacamen Provincial Road. Since then, it has served as a crucial infrastructure link supporting mobility, access to basic services, and the transport of goods and people within the Province and towards Baguio City and adjacent lowland communities.

With the support of the National Government through the DPWH, portions of the Labey–Lacamen Provincial Road have already been opened and improved, providing substantial benefits to residents, farmers, traders, students, employees, and tourists. However, the continuing classification of the road as a provincial road places the burden of its upkeep and development on the Provincial Government, whose limited resources constrain its ability to undertake sustained and comprehensive road improvements.

The existing situation falls within the criteria for road conversion prescribed under DPWH Department Order No. 133, series of 2018, which provides the guidelines for converting local roads into national roads when such roads are of strategic importance to national development, regional connectivity, and economic integration. This will strengthen inter-municipal and inter-provincial linkages, promote agricultural productivity by facilitating the faster transport of goods, and enhance access to education and employment opportunities. Moreover, it will stimulate economic activity and promote the tourism industry in

Benguet and the Cordillera Administrative Region, given the improved accessibility to natural, cultural, and eco-tourism sites.

In light of the foregoing considerations, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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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 Labey-Lacamen Provincial Road in Barangays Ambuklao, Bokod and Ambassador, Tublay in the 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,