

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

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5501**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Pico-Stockfarm (Puguis-Buyagan-Poblacion) Provincial Road into a national road. This will facilitate the regular improvement, repair, and maintenance of the road by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), with funding to be included under the annual General Appropriations Act.

Road infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting mobility, improving access to essential services, and accelerating economic development in local communities. The conversion of provincial roads into national roads ensures direct funding, improvement, and maintenance from the National Government, thereby addressing the limitations of local government resources.

Historically, the road connecting Puguis, Buyagan, and Poblacion in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, with an estimated length of 4.1 kilometers, was declared a provincial road on August 1, 1977, under Provincial Resolution No. 435 and was named the Pico-Stockfarm (Puguis-Buyagan-Poblacion) Provincial Road. Since then, it has served as a vital link for residents, farmers, traders, students, and the workforce traveling within La Trinidad and to other parts of Benguet and nearby provinces.

The proposed conversion will further strengthen socio-economic growth in La Trinidad, Benguet by providing safer and more reliable transportation, promoting agricultural trade, and enhancing tourism development in the locality. The National Government's involvement will ensure sustained infrastructure support and long-term benefits to the residents of the municipality and the province.

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


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PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, 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 Pico - Stockfarm (Puguis - Buyagan - Poblacion) Provincial Road in the Municipality of La Trinidad, 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,