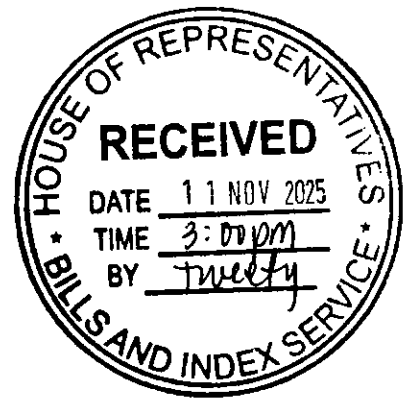


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5844



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill, originally filed during the 19th Congress, aims to convert the following provincial roads into national roads: Banga-Tupi-Malungon Road, Polomolok-Miasong-Malungon Road, Koronadal-Tampakan-Miasong Road, and Crossing Palkan-Palkan-Cannery-Klinan 6 Road.

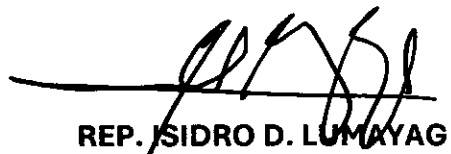
These roads are part of the network that will connect the 1st District of South Cotabato, its town center, and industrial zones to neighboring towns, cities, provinces, and the rest of Mindanao.

The Banga-Tupi-Malungon Road links the Municipality of Tupi, South Cotabato, to the Municipality of Banga, South Cotabato (bypassing the City of Koronadal), and to the Municipality of Malungon, Sarangani Province, then extends to the Davao Region (bypassing the City of General Santos). The Polomolok-Miasong-Malungon Road similarly connects the Municipality of Polomolok, South Cotabato, to Malungon, Sarangani Province, then to the Davao Region (bypassing the City of General Santos). This includes the four-lane Cannery Road—a major road network linking the economic and industry zones of Dole Philippines, Inc., and the tourism and cultural sites of the B'laan People to the South Cotabato-Sarangani Pan-Philippine Highway. The Koronadal-Tampakan-Miasong-Malungon Road is an alternative route connecting the Municipality of Tampakan to Koronadal City, then down to Sarangani Province. Crossing Palkan-Cannery-Klinan 6 Road, Polomolok, is a circumferential route providing an alternative for vehicles traveling to and from the northern part of South Cotabato, as well as the Provinces of Sultan Kudarat and North Cotabato, heading to General Santos City and Sarangani. It runs parallel to the South Cotabato-Sarangani Pan-Philippine Highway.

The Regional Development Council XII, through Resolution No. 141, Series of 2021, emphasizes the "construction of road-based transport facilities as major drivers for economic growth" and has accordingly endorsed the conversion of three of these priority road projects proposed during the Regional Road Summit to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The conversion of these roads will serve as a major economic driver not only within the District but also for the entire Region 12 and Mindanao, as they will improve the movement of people and goods, reduce travel time and costs, promote tourism, and strengthen physical connectivity among towns and urban centers. Accordingly, converting these roads into national roads will enhance their upkeep, regular maintenance, construction, and expansion of the road network. However, ownership and supervision of these provincial roads must first be transferred to the national government as a prerequisite.

Hence, the approval of this measure is highly recommended.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF BANGA-TUPI-MALUNGON ROAD,
POLOMOLOK-MIASONG-MALUNGON ROAD, KORONADAL-TAMPAKAN-MIASONG-
MALUNGON ROAD, AND CROSSING PALKAN-PALKAN-CANNERY-KLINAN 6 ROAD
IN THE 1ST DISTRICT OF SOUTH COTABATO PROVINCE FROM PROVINCIAL ROADS
INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that the provincial roads: *Banga-Tupi-Malungon Road, Polomolok-Miasong-Malungon Road, Koronadal-Tampakan-Miasong-Malungon Road, And Crossing Palkan-Palkan-Cannery-Klinan 6 Road* in the 1st District of the Province of South Cotabato, all under the ownership and supervision of the Provincial Government of South Cotabato, shall be converted into national roads, the ownership and supervision of which belongs to the national government.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall prescribe the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the evaluation, approval, and implementation of this act.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the construction, expansion, improvement, repair, and/or maintenance of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Section 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,