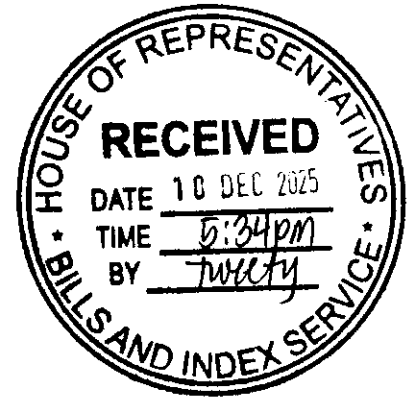




Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City, Metro Manila



Twentieth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6791**

Introduced by Representative Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Santol-Kibungan via Mangaan-Bacayawan Tertiary Road traversing the Municipality of Santol in the Province of La Union and the Municipality of Kibungan in the Province of Benguet into a national road.

Roads play a vital role in the socio-economic development of the country. They provide daily access to essential services such as healthcare, education, employment, business and other important services that boost the economy and sustainability of the country. Roads also facilitate the movement of people, goods, and services between cities, provinces and regions, strengthening national connectivity. The conversion of a tertiary road to a national road provides access to remote areas, promotes regional development, and enhances the overall quality of life for local residents.

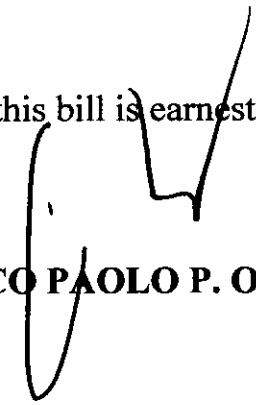
The Santol-Kibungan via the Mangaan-Bacayawan Tertiary Road serves as a vital link between the provinces of La Union and Benguet. This inter-provincial corridor passes through Barangay Mangaan in the Municipality of Santol, La Union, and extends to the Municipality of Kibungan in the northwestern region of Benguet Province.

The proposed conversion of this tertiary road into a national road is expected to generate substantial benefits not only for the municipalities of Santol and Kibungan, but also for adjacent barangays and municipalities. By enhancing connectivity and accessibility, the measure is poised to stimulate

local economic activity, attract investment, and create employment opportunities across the region.

To ensure sustained development and long-term upkeep, the proposed measure seeks to institutionalize funding for the improvement, repair, and maintenance of the Santol-Kibungan Road through its formal inclusion in the annual budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the General Appropriations Act.

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



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SANTOL-KIBUNGAN VIA MANGAAN-BACAYAWAN TERTIARY ROAD TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTOL, PROVINCE OF LA UNION AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The Santol-Kibungan via Mangaan-Bacayawan Tertiary Road traversing the Municipality of Santol, Province of La Union and the Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet, is converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

1 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 Approved,