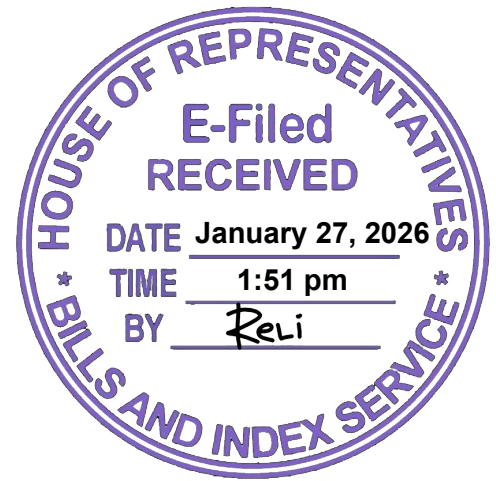


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **7394**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the provincial road from Tubo Junction (Km. 343+200) in Barangay Sapid to Sayapot Junction (Km. 355+200) in Barangay Balili, Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet, into a national secondary road under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). The proposed conversion will allow the road to qualify for regular maintenance, upgrading, and funding under the General Appropriations Act, which guarantees its long-term improvement and sustainability.

In mountainous provinces such as Benguet, roads serve not only as channels for commerce but also as essential lifelines that connect communities to markets, schools, hospitals, and government services. Efficient road networks play a vital role in stimulating local economies, trade, access to social services, and promoting balanced regional development.

The Tubo Junction-Sayapot Junction Road functions as a major internal route within the Municipality of Mankayan. It links several barangays, the provinces of Benguet and Mountain Province, and agricultural production areas to the main provincial and national road networks. However, its current classification as a provincial road has limited its access to sufficient funding and regular maintenance, resulting in recurring deterioration and difficult travel conditions, particularly during the rainy season.

Its conversion into a national secondary road will enhance mobility, improve road safety, and strengthen economic activity in the area. Improved road conditions will facilitate the efficient transport of agricultural products, encourage tourism, and ensure better access to essential services for local residents. It shall also support the broader efforts of the province to improve inter-barangay connectivity and promote regional integration within Benguet and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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


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SAYAPOT JUNCTION LOCATED IN BARANGAY BALILI, KM 355+200 IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Establishment of the Tubo-Sayapot National Secondary Road.* — The provincial road from Tubo Junction located in Barangay Sapid, KM 343+200 to Sayapot Junction located in Barangay Balili, KM 355+200, in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into a national secondary road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or a newspaper of general circulation..

Approved,