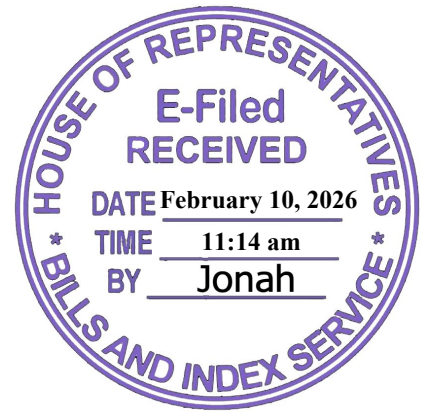




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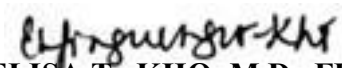
This bill seeks to upgrade and convert the Poblacion-Burgos (Lagundi) Road in the Municipality of Batuan, Province of Masbate, into a National Road.

While this is currently a provincial road managed by the Local Government Unit (LGU), the cost of its upkeep has outpaced the local budget. The road is no longer holding up under the weight of growing traffic. As a vital link between Batuan and San Fernando, it serves as a backbone for local trade, moving goods and people across several barangays every day.

By making this a National Road, we unlock regular DPWH funding and expertise to ensure the road stays in peak condition. This change directly supports the people of Masbate by cutting transportation costs for farmers, making daily commutes safer, and opening new doors for economic growth in the province.

Passing this measure will also aid the agency into achieving its vision of showcasing excellent and quality public service to our constituents.

It is for this purpose that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION–BURGOS (LAGUNDI) ROAD IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATUAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, 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 Poblacion–Burgos (Lagundi) Road in the Municipality of Batuan, Province of Masbate, stretching from the Municipality of Batuan to the Municipality of San Fernando, is hereby converted into a National Road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 2. The technical description of the road shall be determined by the First Engineering District Office and the Secretary of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department’s program the improvement, repair, and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,