



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 7725

Introduced by Representative Caroline B. Agyao, MD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert the Cagaluan Provincial Road located in the Municipality of Pasil, Province of Kalinga into a National Road to strengthen the country's transportation network and promote inclusive regional development.

The Cagaluan Provincial Road serves as a strategic bypass route linking the Tabuk–Bontoc National Road and the Kalinga–Abra National Road. As an existing paved roadway, it facilitates the efficient movement of people, goods, and essential services, significantly contributing to the economic activities of the City of Tabuk, the Municipalities of Pasil and Balbalan, and neighboring areas in the Province of Abra.

It bears stressing that the subject road was previously declared a national road by virtue of Department Order No. 123, series of 2022, issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). However, its implementation was subsequently deferred by the DPWH Central Office following a change in administration. This development underscores the necessity of legislative intervention to institutionalize its classification, remove uncertainties in its status, and guarantee its continuous funding, maintenance, and improvement.

The proposed measure will ensure that the national government assumes full responsibility for the road's development under the DPWH, thereby enhancing inter-provincial connectivity, improving access to markets and public services, strengthening disaster response capability, and accelerating socio-economic growth in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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


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1 **AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAGALUAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN**
2 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASIL IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA,**
3 **INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
4 **THEREFOR.**

5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the*
6 *Philippines in Congress assembled;*

7 **SECTION 1.** The Cagaluan Provincial Road in the Municipality of Pasil,
8 Province of Kalinga is hereby converted into a national road.

9 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and
10 Highways shall include in its program the improvement, maintenance and repair
11 of the said Road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General
12 Appropriations Act following the approval of this Act.

13 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,