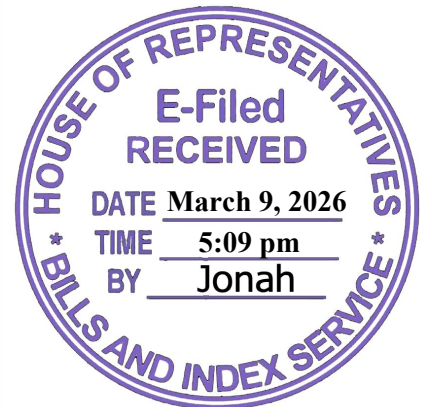


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8388



Introduced by Rep. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS
1st District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State mandates the promotion of a just and dynamic social order that ensures national prosperity and independence. This mandate obliges the government to implement policies that provide adequate social services, improve quality of life, and foster economic growth across all communities.

The Laoag-Vintar-Bacarra Road spans a predominantly concrete surface, with a short section of gravel, and features a carriageway width of 5 to 6.10 meters (2-lane). It is vital to daily transportation and inter-municipal connectivity. Residents depend on this road for work, education, trade, and access to basic services. It also serves as an important artery for the transport of agricultural products and goods.

The Laoag-Vintar-Bacarra Road also plays a crucial role in enhancing mobility for both tourists and locals, ensuring a smoother journey to the municipality's key attractions. Through Vintar, tourism assets include the Umok ni Siwawer Eco-Tourism Park, an evolving nature park with outdoor activities that draw visitors and families. In the Municipality of Bacarra, cultural and heritage destinations such as the Bacarra Church and its historic Bell Tower continue to attract heritage-minded tourists. The upgraded road promotes tourism growth and local economic development by increasing visitor arrivals, strengthening local businesses, generating employment, and supporting the efficient delivery of goods and services essential for sustainable tourism industry.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAOAG-VINTAR-BACARRA ROAD, LOCATED IN THE
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE 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. *Conversion to National Road.* - The Laoag-Vintar-Bacarra Road in the Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby converted into a national road.

Sec. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, order, and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act within (60) days from its effectivity.

Sec. 3. *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 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued improvement and maintenance of the national road shall also be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,