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HOUSE BILL NO. 10810



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the vibrant and rapidly growing Municipality of Santa Maria, local infrastructure serves as the essential pulse of everyday commerce and community life. Spanning approximately 1.60 kilometers, the Barangay Tumana – Macaiban Road in Barangay Poblacion is far more than a simple strip of concrete; it is a vital artery connecting fundamental residential, agricultural, and economic hubs within the town.

Every single day, hundreds of motorists, public transport drivers, small business owners, and commuters traverse this thoroughfare. It bears a volume of heavy everyday traffic far beyond what a standard municipal road was ever originally designed to handle.

Under our current decentralized framework, local government units bear the primary responsibility for municipal road maintenance. However, as Santa Maria continues its rapid urbanization, the toll on this 1.60-kilometer stretch has grown increasingly severe. Potholes, surface deterioration, and drainage limitations are frequent occurrences that demand continuous, capital-intensive intervention.

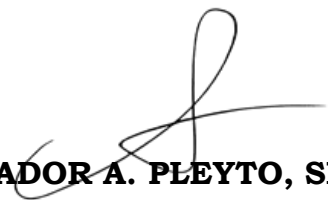
While our Local Government Unit in Santa Maria works tirelessly to serve its constituents, municipal resources are finite. Every peso spent on emergency road repairs is a peso pulled away from other crucial frontline services—whether in public health, education, social welfare, or local disaster risk reduction.

Passing the responsibility of this critical road to the national government through the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is both a logical and necessary legislative step.

By converting the Barangay Tumana – Macaiban Road into a National Road, it integrates the road's maintenance, rehabilitation, and long-term expansion directly into the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). It ensures that road widening, flood mitigation systems, standard pavement markings, and structural reinforcements meet rigid national DPWH engineering standards.

Our local communities cannot shoulder the weight of regional growth alone. It is our duty as legislators to provide the structural support our towns need to thrive. Converting this key municipal road into a national thoroughfare is a tangible, high-impact step toward ensuring the safety, convenience, and economic vitality of the residents of Santa Maria and the motorists plying this route.

For these reasons, I earnestly ask for the passage of this bill.



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPAL ROAD IN BRGY. TUMANA –
MACAIBAN, BRGY. POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA,
BULACAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Brgy. Tumana – Macaiban, Brgy. Poblacion Road in the municipality of Santa Maria, province of Bulacan is hereby converted into a National Road.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) 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).

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,