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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4164



Introduced by Representatives ANA CRISTINA SIQUIAN-GO, TEODORO G. MONTORO, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, NAPOLEON S. DY, ARNEL U. TY, MA. LOURDES R. AGGABAO AND TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT, JR.

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY
MABINI-PINTOR-UNION, MUNICIPALITY OF GAMU TO MANGCURAMLULUTAN, CITY OF ILAGAN, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The existing 21-kilometer Mabini-Pintor-Union, Municipality of Gamu to Mangcuram, Lulutan, City of Ilagan provincial road is a vital road network which links the Municipality of Gamu to the City of Ilagan, Isabela. The road is of great importance in the economic, commercial and civic expansion of the fast growing town of Gamu, Isabela as it provides the shortest seamless connection to the City of Ilagan, Isabela. As it is now, this provincial road serves to connect two national highways, the Ilagan-Delfin Albano-Mallig Road and Gamu to Roxas Road, shortening travel time from the towns of Burgos and Gamu to Ilagan City. It stretches parallel to the Santiago-Tuguegarao Road.

The vital importance of this provincial road is highlighted by the growing needs of the communities connected by this stretch. The conversion to national road will enhance the exchange of agricultural and industrial goods and commercial services between the Municipalities of Burgos and Gamu to the urban centers of Ilagan, Isabela. If it is converted to a national road, it will be well-maintained and regularly paved affording the motorists fast and efficient thoroughfare.

Just as important, its conversion to a national road will improve access to government and commercial services as a well maintained road network will bring hospitals, churches, markets, academic institutions and commercial establishments even closer to the people.

The Provincial Government of Isabela has limited resources to maintain and conduct repairs on the said provincial road on a regular basis. Its conversion to a national road will also translate to huge savings on the part of the provincial government of Isabela which it can now allocate to poverty alleviation projects and other government initiatives with significant socio-economic impact.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

SECTION 1. The road stretching from Baranngay Mabini-Pintor-Union, Municipality of Gamu to Mangcuram-Lulutan, City of Ilagan, all of the Province of Isabela connecting the Municipality of Gamu to the City of Ilagan is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. 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 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.