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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO, JR. Y. DALOG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill seeks to convert the Poblacion—Bantay—Buringal—Isabela Road, presently classified as a provincial road into a national road.

The above-stated road starts at Barangay Poblacion and traverses Barangays Bantay and Buringal all in the municipality of Paracelis and exits in the municipality of Quezon, Isabela.

At present, the sitios of barangay Buringal, namely: Makilo, Bangad and Catao can only be accessed through Tabuk City in Kalinga Province which would take several hours to traverse since the road conditions are very poor. Worse, the residents in the area have to cross the river by foot when the water level of the Mallig River is lofty. In addition, during typhoons or rainy seasons, when the Mallig River swells, the nearest place of commerce which the residents in the area can access, to bring their agricultural produce is the municipality of Quezon, Isabela through the use of manual boats.

The possibility of isolation of these communities during calamity is also very high because of very poor road conditions and lack of bridges connecting the sitios of Makilo and Catao and the provinces of Mountain Province and Isabela.

With the conversion of the above-stated road, resulting to the sustained maintenance of the road, the residents of Paracelis need not pass through Tabuk City, Kalinga Province in order to reach the other parts of Barangay Buringal nor have their agricultural products perish by having the access to the municipality of Quezon, Isabela.

The sustained maintenance of the road will definitely enhance the socio-economic amelioration of the people using the same and the communities traversed.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this earnestly urged


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION – BANTAY –
BURINGAL – ISABELA ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD TO BE
KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN PROVINCE—ISABELA ROAD VIA BURINGAL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

Section 1. The Mountain Province-Isabela Road via Buringal is hereby converted and declared a national road.

Section 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include in the program of the Department the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the initial funding of which shall be charged to the unappropriated funds of the Department under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued improvement and maintenance of the National Road 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 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,