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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3124**

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Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE URDANETA JUNCTION-ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD**  
**CONNECTING THE CITY OF URDANETA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND**  
**PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill has been previously filed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress. Believing in the merit of the proposal, the author deems it proper to refile the bill in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress. It aims to convert the Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road into a national road.

The Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road, spanning a total distance of 16.58 kilometers, connects the Municipality of Asingan to the City of Urdaneta, which is the commercial and educational center of Eastern Pangasinan. Being the most direct route when travelling between the commercial centers of Asingan and Urdaneta, motorists often use this route and due to increasing density of vehicles passing through this road, its continuous use results to a constant need of repair and maintenance. With the budgetary constraints of the Province, allotting significant amount for maintaining the conditions of provincial roads will dent the provincial budget, an amount which could have been used instead in funding other projects such as the social services of the province.

Moreover, the marketing and delivery of the agricultural produce of the Province usually pass thru this road and with the agricultural sector playing a major role in the economic activity of the Municipality of Asingan, these roads are often utilized thus playing an important role in the transportation of the produce from the municipality to the other parts of the province. Therefore, the need for the road to be on safe and good condition. And by converting the road to a national road, all undertakings for the upkeep, improvement and maintenance of the road may be included in the annual budgetary allocation for the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

With the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.



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

**SECTION 1.** The Urdaneta Junction-Asingan Provincial Road, connecting the City of Urdaneta and the Municipality of Asingan, is hereby converted into a national road.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

