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HOUSE BILL NO. ____724

Introduced by: REP. MAXIMO B. DALOG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert the MABA-AY-ABATAN ROAD, presently classified as a provincial road into a National Road.

The MABA-AY-ABATAN ROAD is an 11.971-kilometer road stretch which starts at the junction in Maba-ay along Halsema National Road passing through barangays Tapapan, Guinzadan and Abatan, all in Bauko, Mountain Province to connect to the Mountain Province-Ilocos Sur Road.

The proposed conversion will serve as the shortest route from the Halsema Highway to the Mountain Province-Ilocos Sur Road. It will also serve as an alternate road from Bontoc to Baguio City and vice versa.

The sustained maintenance of the said road will make access easier for farmers and traders from the nearby towns of Mountain Province to trade their produce and goods to the nearby Ilocos Region and vise versa. proposed conversion will definitely enhance and fast track the socio-economic development of the provinces concerned especially the communities traversed by the said road.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of the Bill is sought.

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABA-AY-ABATAN ROAD SECTION FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO 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 into a National Road. The Maba-ay-Abatan Road with a net length of 11.971 kilometers is hereby converted and declared a National Road.
- Sec. 2. Appropriation. The amount necessary to cover the improvement, repairs and maintenance of said road as envisioned in the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the unappropriated funds of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as maybe necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the National Road shall be included in the annual budget of the DPWH.
- Sec. 3. Effectivity. This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved