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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. 2494



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**Introduced by Honorable Estrellita B. Suansing**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


This bill seeks to convert the Guimba-Talugtug-Umingan Provincial Road connecting the Municipalities of Guimba and Talugtug, Province of Nueva Ecija and the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan into a National Road.

The 33 kilometer road stretch starts from Guimba town proper to Umingan, Pangasinan via Talugtug, Nueva Ecija.

The existing roadway is heavily traversed by motorists from nearby municipalities. By converting the Guimba-Talugtug-Umingan Provincial Road into a National Road, it will provide linkages and better access to services and will complement the agriculture, tourism and social sectors. In doing so, the road will sustain regional industries and agricultural activities. It will also contribute to socio-economic development and provide faster, more convenient and shorter access in transporting good from rural and urban areas.

The Provincial Governments of Nueva Ecija and Pangasinan lack the capacity to upgrade and maintain said road. Without appropriate funding for maintenance, the road will slowly deteriorate. Without proper attention, the road will once again be in a state of disrepair. Thus the need to provide funds for the purpose of continuously maintaining the road at its best conditions for the general welfare of commuters plying the route is of primordial concern.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE GUIMBA-TALUGTUG-UMINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIMBA AND TALUGTUG, NUEVA ECIJA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREON**

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

**SECTION 1.** The provincial road known as the Guimba-Talugtug-Umingan Road, connecting the municipalities of Guimba and Talugtug in the Province of Nueva Ecija and Umingan in the Province of Pangasinan, which has a length of thirty three (33) kilometers, is hereby converted into a national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,