

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6423

Introduced by HON. JUMEL ANTHONY I. ESPINO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to convert the Lingayen – Binmaley Baywalk Road located in the Municipalities of Lingayen and Binmaley in the Province of Pangasinan into a National Road.

With an approximate length of 13 kilometers, it runs perpendicular to the Lingayen Gulf beach coastline and is used for strolling and jogging by the locals and tourists alike because of its sea wind swept scenic site. Although it's an unclassified road, it was built by the Department of Public Works and Highways ensuring its durability because the standard used in constructing it was the same standard that were used in building national highways by the DPWH. Sometimes funding for its maintenance and upkeep were sourced through the convergence fund of the Department of Tourism if it was included in the projects to be funded under the roads leading to tourism areas program.

However, since it is still an unclassified road, the funding for its maintenance and development is not assured and would depend on the allocation by the national government if it would allocate funds at all. On the other hand, the local government would have difficulties funding its maintenance as they have very limited funds. Despite its potential as a tourism site, its full possibility can not be achieved because of uncertain funding for its maintenance. By converting the said road into a national road, it would not only boost tourism along the coast of Lingayen Gulf but it would likewise improve the socio-economic situation of our constituents there as livelihood opportunities and business endeavors would surely increase.

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


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THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINMALEY IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Lingayen-Binmaley Baywalk Road located in the Municipality of Lingayen and the Municipality of Binmaley, Province of Pangasinan is hereby converted into a National Road.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall provide the necessary amount for the maintenance, repair and improvement of the aforesaid road and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This act shall be effective immediately upon approval.

Approved.