

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4031



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Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D AGABAS**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Palaris-Calepaan-Urdaneta Provincial Road in the Municipality of Asingan and the City of Urdaneta, Province of Pangasinan, from a provincial road into a national road and appropriating funds therefor.

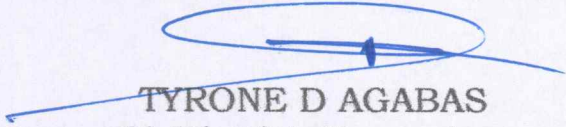
The Palaris-Calepaan-Urdaneta road stretch traversing the Municipality of Asingan to the City of Urdaneta is a crucial and vital commercial route connecting the Magilas Trail along the Santa Maria-Asingan-Binalonan National Road and the Manila North Road in Urdaneta City. It is an essential link to two (2) national roads. Not only does it present itself as a viable bypass route heavily traversed by motorists in eastern Pangasinan but a shorter route from Asingan to the City of Urdaneta, and to central and western Pangasinan.

The Province of Pangasinan is one of the biggest provinces in the Philippines not only in terms of land area and agricultural productivity but population as well. It is a well-visited tourism province with multi-provincial boundaries which heavily relies on the comfort of mobility that is closely attached to the construction and maintenance of good roads for economic growth.

Regular maintenance of provincial roads is a challenge for a big province like Pangasinan. The conversion of the Palaris-Calepaan-Urdaneta provincial road into a national road will generate increased tourism, agricultural, and other commercial activities in an inter-regional

scale. Its conversion and upkeep in conformity with national road standards will spur socio-economic development in Pangasinan and neighboring provinces. It is also a good measure which exempts the Province of Pangasinan from having to appropriate its annual road repair and maintenance funding.

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



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IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN AND THE CITY OF  
URDANETA, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FROM A PROVINCIAL  
ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The Palaris-Calepaan-Urdaneta Provincial Road  
2       connecting the Municipality of Asingan and the City of  
3       Urdaneta is hereby converted into a national road.

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

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

11      Approved,