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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill seeks to convert the Mountain Province – Aguinaldo, Ifugao Road, presently classified as a provincial road into a National Road.

The proposed conversion is a 20.404 - kilometer road stretch that connects Mountain Province and the province of Ifugao, which starts from Barangay Poblacion, in the Municipality of Natonin and extends to barangay Damag, in the Municipality of Aguinaldo.

The proper maintenance of the road network will facilitate trade and make access easier for both the provinces of Mountain Province and Ifugao, most of whom are inhabited by farmers with corn, rice and abaca as their main produce. In addition, the conversion will help promote and develop the tourism industry of the nearby towns of both provinces which boast of its beautiful rice terraces, mountains and cool climate. The conversion of the said road into a National road will definitely enhance the socio-economic development of both the provinces of Mountain Province and Ifugao.

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

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## AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE – AGUINALDO, IFUGAO ROAD INTO 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 Mountain Province Aguinaldo, Ifugao Road with a net length of 27 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 take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,