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Introduced by Representative Gil P. Acosta

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Napsan-Bagong Bayan-Simpucan to Bacungan Road from a city road to national road category and an alternate highway of Southern Palawan to Northern Palawan via West Coast of Puerto Princesa and vice versa.

Presently, the road is in unfortunate condition and in dire need of repair and rehabilitation. There is a need to tap other sources of funding; hence, conversion of the same to a national road category may help inject additional sources of funds for its upgrading.

The road from *poblacion* of Puerto Princesa leading to Barangay Napsan is an alternate route to southwest Palawan where the Municipalities of Aborlan, Quezon and Rizal is located. The road from Barangay Napsan that leads to Barangay Bacungan via Barangays Bagong Bayan and Simpucan passes through potential tourism domains where travel and tourism industry could flourish as the area is facing the West Philippine Sea where dive sites, luxuriant seascapes and beach areas provides a prospective outlook for industry players.

With its conversion into a National Road, its future funding would surely guarantee a stream of investment not just to cater the already budding tourism industry but also the proliferation of tourism-related endeavors like agriculture and fisheries for food production, entertainment, cottage industries and environment-friendly ventures.

As Palawan enters into its fourth year of being recognized as "the world's best island," let this measure be a contribution to prepare our very own Palawan for investments that provide livelihood, protects the environment and ensure the future of our children.

The undersigned firmly believes that converting this road to national road category will receive the funding it truly deserves. Passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE NAPSAN-BAGONG BAYAN-SIMPUCAN-BACUNGAN ROAD
IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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4 *Section 1.* The Napsan-Bagong Bayan-Simpucan to Bacungan Road in the City of Puerto
5 Princesa is hereby converted into a national road. The ownership, maintenance and
6 supervision of the same belongs to the national government;

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8 *Section 2.* The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall prescribe the
9 implementing rules and regulations necessary for the evaluation, approval and
10 implementation of this Act;

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12 *Section 3.* The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's
13 program and improvement, repair, maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall
14 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act;

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16 *Section 4.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
17 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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19 Approved.
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