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Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE VILLASIS - ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD, CONNECTING
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VILLASIS AND ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill has been previously filed in the 16th Congress. Believing in the merit of the proposal, the author deems it proper to refile the measure in the 17th Congress. It aims to convert the Villasis - Asingan Provincial Road into a national road.

The twelve-kilometer stretch of the Villasis - Asingan Provincial Road extends from the Municipality of Asingan up to the section of the Manila North Road. Villasis, being one of the fastest developing municipalities in the Province of Pangasinan, benefits from its easy access to public transportation and has one of the busiest and progressive commercial activities in the province. In contrast, the Municipality of Asingan, relying mainly on its agricultural produce to sustain its growth, its capability to disseminate its products into the robust market such as Villasis, may be assured by keeping the Villasis- Asingan Provincial Road well maintained.

However, the maintenance of such roads will put a dent to the budgetary allocation of the Province of Pangasinan. Thus, the conversion of the provincial road into a national road will give the province additional funds to finance other programs that are geared towards the delivery of social services, services which are equally needed by the people of Pangasinan.

Foregoing considered, approval of the measure is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. The Villasis - Asingan Provincial Road, connecting the Municipalities of Villasis and Asingan, is hereby converted into a national road.

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

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

Approved,