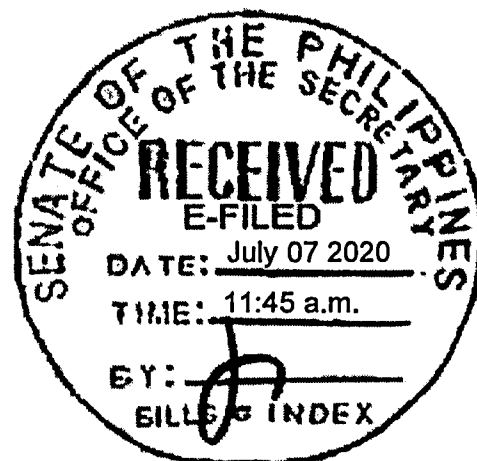


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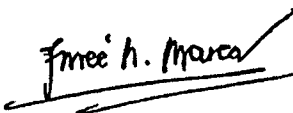
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article X, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution states that "*Local government units may group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them in accordance with law.*" Roads make a crucial contribution to local economic development and growth.

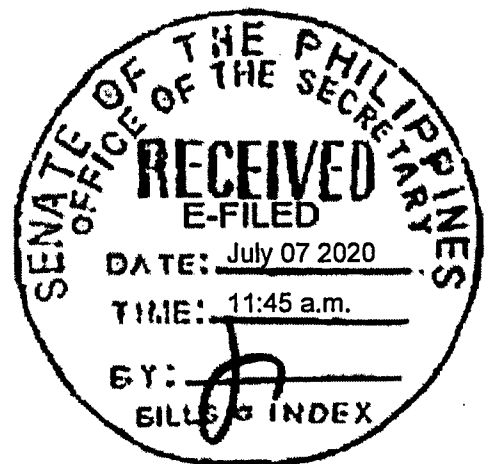
Barangays Asuncion and Paku and the rest of the Barangays of Southern Leyte are agricultural communities. Roads are important to the people's livelihoods in these areas because it is the means by which their agricultural produce is transported to the markets. The conversion of the Asuncion-Paku road into a national road is sought by the people in the province in order for them to have convenient links between fifteen (15) municipalities of Southern Leyte stretching towards the Municipality of Malitbog.

Hence, this bill seeks to convert the barangay road starting from Barangay Asuncion in Maasin City to Barangay Paku, Bontoc, Province of Southern Leyte into a national road. Furthermore, this bill aims to increase commercial activity and employment opportunities in the community of Southern Leyte.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. The Barangay Road from Barangay Asuncion in Maasin City to
2 Barangay Paku, Bontoc, Southern Leyte is hereby converted into a national road to be
3 known as the Asuncion-Paku National Highway under the direct supervision of the
4 Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

5 SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall
6 be charged against the appropriation for the Department of Public Works and
7 Highways in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the Secretary
8 of the DPWH shall include in the Department's program the repair and maintenance
9 of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual GAA.

10 SEC. 3. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or
11 invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provisions hereof not affected thereby shall
12 continue to be in force and effect.

13 SEC. 4. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
14 instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is
15 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

16 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete
17 publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,