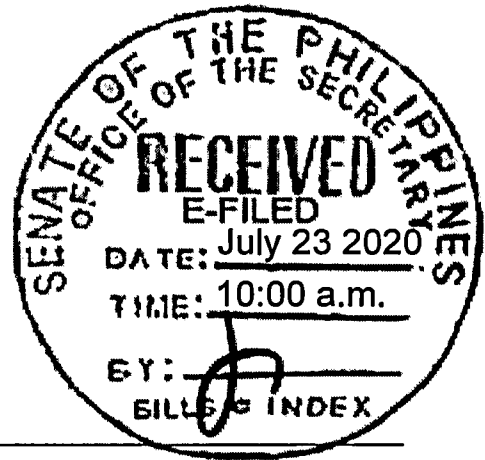


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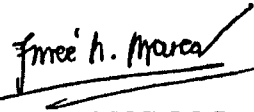
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, under Article X, Section 13 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.*" The State needs to significantly improve and develop tourism and economic activities in the country.

Pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional mandate, this bill proposes to convert the Ili-Guinamgamman-Rizal Provincial road in the Province of Apayao and Province of Cagayan into a national road. This bill likewise supports the direction of the Department of Public Works and Highways to connect gaps in its national road network.

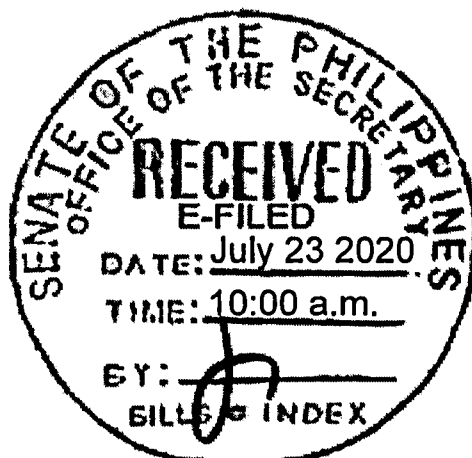
The conversion of this road is necessary to link the missing gap between two national roads namely, Tuao-Rizal Road in the Province of Cagayan and the Conner-Kabugao Road in the Province of Apayao. This will carry out an uninterrupted connectivity between the two national roads, and provide an East-West interregional linkage between Apayao Province and Cagayan Province. The conversion of the road will open activities related to agriculture, tourism, livelihood enterprise, and transportation. Moreover, delivery of key social services in the provinces of Apayao and Cagayan will improve and benefit the residents and most especially the Indigenous communities.

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

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

1           **Section 1.** The Ili-Guinamgamman-Rizal Provincial Road in the Province of  
2 Apayao and Province of Cagayan is hereby converted into a national road under the  
3 supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

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

*Approved,*