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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road construction and maintenance are pivotal to economic development because they connect people and promote thriving trade and tourism. It would boost tourism and improve people's lives across the province and in neighboring communities.

The purpose of this bill is to make the Ballay-Tawangan-Lusod Farm to Market Road (FMR) in the Municipality of Kabayan, Province of Benguet, a National Road. The road meets the road conversion criteria and guidelines outlined in DPWH Department Order No. 133, s. 2018.

The conversion of the said FMR into a National Road will speed up trade and commerce between the people of the Municipality and the Province and the neighboring Provinces of Ifugao and Nueva Vizcaya, thereby accelerating socioeconomic growth and industrial prosperity throughout the Cordillera Administrative Region. This will also contribute to and promote the Province's tourism industry by providing more developed and improved infrastructure roads.

In view of the foregoing, approval 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:

**SECTION 1.** The Ballay - Tawangan - Lusod Farm to Market Road in the Municipality of Kabayan, Province of Benguet, 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 said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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**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,