

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1047



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Introduced by: **HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN**

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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE SAN EMILIO-DEL PILAR ROAD, LOCATED AT BARANGAY PALTOC, SAN EMILIO, ILOCOS SUR AND BARANGAY ALFONSO, GREGORIO DEL PILAR, ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The proposed bill aims to convert the San Emilio-Del Pilar road located in the Municipalities of San Emilio and Gregorio Del Pilar, Ilocos Sur into a national road.

With an approximate distance of 22.4 kilometers and is the main thoroughfare that links the three municipalities. This road leads to well known tourist destinations in the province of Ilocos Sur like the "Sangbay ni Ragsak" Falls in Suyo, Aw-Asen Falls in Sigay, and the Shrine of Tirad Pass in Gregorio Del Pilar.

The San Emilio-Del Pilar road is identified as a local road thus its development and maintenance falls into the responsibility of the local government. But due to difficulties in appropriating funds from the local government, and because the funds of the local governments are limited, the true potential of the road, including the tourist potential of the area, is unachieved. Road building and road improvement, play a crucial part in development as it connects people and encourages trade and tourism to flourish. By transferring the responsibility of maintaining, repairing and improving the San Emilio-Del Pilar road to the national government, it would greatly help the municipalities in their socio-economic endeavors, boost tourism and uplift the lives of the people not only in those municipalities but of the whole province. If this measure is approved, the people from these municipalities could and would directly benefit from President Rodrigo R. Duterte's massive "BUILD BUILD BUILD" infrastructure program under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** The San Emilio-Del Pilar Road in the Province of Ilocos Sur is hereby converted into a National Road.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Works and Highways shall provide the necessary amount for the maintenance, repair and improvement of the said road and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall be effective immediately upon approval.

Approved,