Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8732



Introduced by Representative Kristine Singson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill aims to convert the Narvacan-Nagbukel-Pilar-Villaviciosa Road located in the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Abra into a national road.

With an approximate distance of 26.6 kilometers, this road connects Region I and CAR through the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Abra, by linking the national road in Narvacan, passing through Nagbukel (Ilocos Sur), and going all the way to the municipalities of Pilar and Villaviciosa (Abra).

The Narvacan-Nagbukel-Pilar-Villaviciosa Road is identified as a local road thus its development and maintenance falls into the responsibility of the three LGUs. But due to limited and low availability of funds in the local governments, the true potential of the road, including the tourism potential of the area, is underachieved. Road building and road improvements play a crucial part in development as it connects people and encourages trade and tourism. By transferring the responsibility of maintaining, repairing and improving the Narvacan-Nagbukel-Pilar-Villaviciosa Road to the national government, the LGUs would be financially unburdened and could concentrate their funds in their socio-economic endeavors. It would boost tourism thereby uplifting the lives of the people not only in those LGUs but of the whole province. If this measure is approved, the people from these LGUs would also 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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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERTION OF THE NARVACAN-NAGBUKEL-PILAR-VILLAVICIOSA ROAD, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCES OF ILOCOS SUR AND ABRA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Narvacan-Nagbukel-Pilar-Villaviciosa Road in the Provinces of Ilocos Sur and Abra is hereby converted into a National Road.

- SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.
- 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,