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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill seeks to convert the **SAGADA – BESAO – QUIRINO, ILOCOS SUR ROAD**, presently classified as a provincial road into a National Road.

The Sagada – Besao – Quirino Ilocos Sur Road is a 34.871 - kilometer road stretch which starts at barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Sagada and traverses barangays Poblacion, Suquib, Bangguitan, Nacawang, Bunga, Catengan, Padangaan, Panabungen, Laylaya and Pangweo all in the Municipality of Besao then exits to the Municipality of Quirino, Ilocos Sur.

The conversion of said road into a national road will benefit Mountain Province and Ilocos Sur, improving trade and commerce between the people therein. In addition, the conversion of said road will definitely contribute and promote the tourism industry in the two provinces as the stretch of the road links Sagada, a known tourist spot in Mountain Province and Tirad Pass, a historical site in Quirino, Ilocos Sur.

With the sustained maintenance of the road the socio-economic amelioration of the people using the same and the communities traversed by the said road will definitely be enhanced.

In view of the foregoing, approval of the Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAGADA – BESAO – QUIRINO, ILOCOS SUR  
ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

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

**Section. 1. Conversion into a National Road.** The Sagada – Besao  
– Quirino, Ilocos Sur Road is hereby converted and declared a national road.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The amount necessary to cover the  
improvement, repairs and maintenance of said road as envisioned in the  
implementation of this Act shall be charged to the unappropriated funds of the  
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) under the General  
Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as maybe necessary for the  
improvement and maintenance of the National Road shall be included in the  
Annual Budget of the DPWH.

**Sec. 3. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of  
general circulation.

Approved,