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HOUSE BILL NO. 681

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**Introduced by HON. SANDRA Y. ERIGUEL, M.D.**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill, which was previously filed in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Congress, seeks to convert the Naguilian-Caba Road in the Province of La Union into a national road.

The Second District of La Union is the gateway to the North. Many residents, visitors, entrepreneurs and most especially the farmers prefer to travel by land to reach the Ilocos region and Baguio City. Farmers especially need roads that are in good condition to take their produce to the markets in a fast and efficient manner. However, some provincial roads are not properly maintained mainly due to lack of funds. The deplorable condition of some of these roads poses a hazard to the public and a hindrance to the growth of the area.

It is thus imperative that the government provide roads that are in tip-top condition to afford convenient, quick and safe travel for all. This will definitely boost the economy of the District and accessibility to the rest of the Province.

What would further enhance the productivity of the region would be the nationalization of some of its roads. Doing so would improve the economic activities of the area and businesses could continue even during inclement weather and at times when other roads are damaged.

This bill then seeks to convert the Naguilian-Caba road into a national road. The problems aforementioned will be resolved with this conversion as support will be

available from the national government and through funds allocated for congressional districts.

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

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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE NAGUILIAN – CABA ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF**  
**LA UNION INTO A NATIONAL ROAD**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Naguilian–Caba Road in the Province of La Union 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 the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** 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,*