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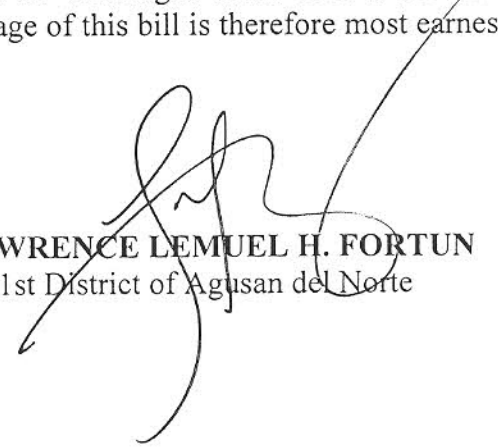
#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert the Tiniwisan-Maguinda-Las Nieves Road (Agusan del Norte)-NRJ Butuan City-Cagayan de Oro-Iligan Road into a Secondary National Road.

Efficient road networks form part of the lifeblood of trade and commerce. The Tiniwisan-Maguinda-Las Nieves Road (Agusan del Norte)-NRJ Butuan City-Cagayan de Oro-Iligan Road provides that vital link for efficient transportation of goods and services to strategic destinations to and from the City of Butuan, the Province of Agusan del Norte and other parts of the Caraga Region, more particularly ports of embarkation and disembarkation and the provincial and city centers. The whole stretch of the road encompasses two different regions and number of local government units.

Because of its major contribution to economic development in the city, the province and the region, ensuring its quality and reliability has become a critical and urgent concern on the part of the affected local government units. The LGUs, however, are unable to meet the financial demands of maintaining the integrity of the road. This has resulted in the bad condition of the road, thereby causing an unwelcome impact on the economic and commercial activities in the affected areas.

For the foregoing reasons, the conversion of the Tiniwisan-Maguinda-Las Nieves Road (Agusan del Norte)-NRJ Butuan City-Cagayan de Oro-Iligan Road into a Secondary National Road has become imperative. The passage of this bill is therefore most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE TINIWISAN-MAGUINDA-LAS**  
**NIEVES ROAD (AGUSAN DEL NORTE)-NRJ BUTUAN CITY-CAGAYAN DE**  
**ORO-ILIGAN ROAD INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Tiniwisan-Maguinda-Las Nieves Road (Agusan del Norte)-NRJ Butuan City-Cagayan de Oro-Iligan Road is hereby converted into a National Secondary Road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the DPWH shall include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,