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HOUSE BILL No.

Introduced by HON. SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO

This bill seeks to convert the provincial road that stretches from Barangay Amganad in the Municipality of Banaue to Barangays Northern Cababuyan, Cababuyan, Poblacion and Piwong in the Municipality of Hingyon, all in the Province of Ifugao.

The Nueva Vizcaya-Ifugao-Mountain Province national highway is the only primary national highway that passes through the Province of Ifugao. In the Ifugao section, the highway passes through the Municipalities of Lamut, Lagawe, Hingyon and Banaue. On that length, the Hingyon-Banaue portion is prone to landslides whole year round. Once there is heavy downpour of rain, the possibility of landslide is real high. Just recently, there were five landslides that occurred just after a few hours of heavy rains brought by the monsoon along the Hingyon-Banaue Hingway. Whenever there are slides, the national highway closes to traffic isolating the entire northern part of Ifugao and central Mountain Province resulting to paralyzed business, tourism and both provinces' local economies as a whole.

The urgent need for the reclassification of the road stretch's category is merited by the need of an alternate route of the Hingyon-Banaue section of the lone national highway in times of total closure from torrent rain-caused landslides to avoid total isolation of the mentioned portions of Ifugao and Mountain Province and paralysis of both Provinces' eco-tourism industry.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

ATTY. SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO
AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD STRECHING FROM BARANGAY AMGANAD, MUNICIPALITY OF BANAUE- BARANGAY NORTHERN CABABUYAN, BARANGAY CABABUYAN, BARANGAY POBLACION AND BARANGAY PIWONG, MUNICIPALITY OF HINGYON ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The road stretching from Barangay Amganad in the Municipality of Banaue to Barangays Northern Cababuyan, Cababuyan, Poblacion and Piwong in the Municipality of Hingyon is hereby converted into a national road.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways 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 fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in the least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.