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HOUSE BILL NO. 4097



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*Introduced by Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga*

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016, identified infrastructure development as one of its critical components. The agenda calls for more infrastructure, particularly roads and bridges, to sustain and broaden our country's economic development. While we need to build more roads and bridges that we can afford, we must also maintain and preserve our existing roads.

The conversion of the provincial road into a national road is essential to the economic and social development of a particular municipality specially if such road network traverses into agricultural areas as means for the exchange of goods and services into nearby municipalities. Many of the local government units, the province or city, for instance doesn't have the financial and material resources to carry out the tasks of road maintenance. The purposes of road maintenance are to reduce the rate of deterioration and prolong the service life of road; to provide the riding public with more convenient and safe road travel and to effectively cut costs in the wear and tear on roads.

Hence, it is imperative that provincial roads be turned over to the national government to assure that adequate funding be appropriated for its maintenance and improvement.

Pagbilao-Tayabas Road (Km 141.516 - Km 147.516) is a provincial road situated in the Municipality of Pagbilao and the City of Tayabas, Province of Quezon. Without appropriate funding for maintenance, the road will slowly deteriorate. Conversion of Pagbilao-Tayabas Road into a national road will greatly contribute to the fast economic growth and development not only of the town of Pagbilao and Tayabas City, but also the neighboring City of Lucena and the neighboring towns of Mauban and Lucban. Travel time from Pagbilao going to the Municipality of Mauban will also be decreased drastically.

With its conversion into a national road, funds from the national government thru the Department of Public Works and Highways can now be channeled to accelerate the improvement of Pagbilao-Tayabas Road.

In light of the foregoing, immediate approval of this Bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT CONVERTING PAGBILAO-TAYABAS PROVINCIAL ROAD 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 Pagbilao-Tayabas Provincial Road located in the Municipality of Pagbilao and the City of Tayabas, Province of Quezon is hereby converted into and declared as a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the DPWH shall include in its program the improvement, maintenance, expansion and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

APPROVED,