

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 731

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**INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO, JR. Y. DALOG**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill seeks to convert the **MABA-AY – ABATAN ROAD**, presently classified as a provincial road into a National Road.

The Maba-ay – Abatan Road is an 11.971 – kilometer road stretch more or less which starts at the junction in Barangay Maba-ay along Baguio – Bontoc National Road passing through barangays Tapapan, Guinzadan and Abatan, all in Bauko, Mountain Province to connect to the Mountain Province – Ilocos Sur road.

The proposed conversion will serve as the shortest route from the Halsema Highway to the Mountain Province – Ilocos Sur Road. In addition, the road serves as an alternate road whenever the Baguio – Bontoc Road closes due to natural calamities. In fact, since the onslaught of typhoon Ompong in September, 2018, the Maba-ay – Abatan Road had served as the main highway because the Baguio – Bontoc Road (Sabangan Section) had been washed out.

The conversion of said road into a national road will make access easier for the farmers and traders from the nearby towns of Mountain Province to trade their produce and goods to the nearby Ilocos Region and vice versa.

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 consideration, approval of this earnestly sought

  
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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABA-AY – ABATAN 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.** The Maba-ay – Abatan Road is hereby converted and declared a national road.

**Section 2.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the initial funding of which shall be charged to the unappropriated funds of the Department under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued improvement and maintenance of the National Road 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 at least two newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*