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Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 732

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INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO, JR. Y. DALOG

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill seeks to convert the **SAGADA – BESAO – QUIRINO, ILOCOS SUR ROAD**, presently classified as a provincial road into a National Road.

The Sagada – Besao – Quirino, Ilocos Sur Road is a 34.871 – kilometer road stretch more or less which starts at barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Sagada and traverses barangays Poblacion, Suquib, Banguitan, Nacawang, Bunga, Catengan, Padangaan, Panabungen, Laylaya and Pangweo all in the Municipality of Besao then exits to the Municipality of Quirino, Ilocos Sur.

The conversion of said road into a national road will benefit Mountain Province and Ilocos Sur, linking not only the two provinces but also the two regions as well. Particularly, trade and commerce between the people of the two provinces and regions will be improved. In addition, the conversion of said road will definitely contribute and promote the tourism industry in the two provinces as the stretch of the road links Sagada, a known tourist destination in Mountain Province and Tirad Pass, a historical site in Quirino, Ilocos Sur.

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 SAGADA – BESAO – QUIRINO,  
ILOCOS SUR 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 Sagada – Besao – Quirino, Ilocos Sur 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,*