

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Eighteenth (18th) Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5298



Introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan
2nd District, North Cotabato

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Ginatilan-Bongolanon Road, traversing the City of Kidapawan and the Municipality of Magpet, Province of Cotabato, into a national road.

Ginatilan is a barangay in Kidapawan City, the capital of Cotabato. Being the provincial capital, Kidapawan is the center of trade and commerce, and the primary site of financial and educational institutions in the province. Located at the foot of Mount Apo, Kidapawan is also a popular destination for tourists wanting to climb the Philippines' highest mountain.

Bongolanon is a barangay in the Municipality of Magpet which is an eco-tourism destination, with its fifty-two waterfalls, four big rivers, and hundreds of creeks. Magpet is also the potable water source of nearby municipalities.

Ginatilan-Bongolanon Road is a barangay road that connects to the Kidapawan-Magpet-Pangaoa-an National Road. The conversion of the Ginatilan-Bongolanon Road into a national road will not only spur business and financial movement, propelling the socio-economic development of Kidapawan and Magpet, but will also encourage investments and stimulate the economy of the neighboring towns.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

RUDY S. CAOAGDAN

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE GINATILAN-BONGOLANON ROAD
TRAVERSING THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN AND THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MAGPET, PROVINCE OF COTABATO 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 Ginatilan-Bongolanon Road traversing the City of
Kidapawan and the Municipality of Magpet, Province of Cotabato is hereby
converted into a national road.

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

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,