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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CANDON-SANTIAGO-SAN ESTEBAN COASTAL ROAD, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 9 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.*"

The Candon-Santiago-San Esteban Coastal Road is a local road thus its development and maintenance falls into the responsibility of the three LGUs. But due to limited and low availability of funds in the LGUs, the true potential of the road, including budding tourism of the area, is underachieved. Road building and road improvements play a crucial part in development as it connects people and encourages trade and tourism. By transferring the responsibility of maintaining, repairing and improving the Candon-Santiago-San Esteban Coastal Road to the national government, the LGUs would be financially unburdened and could concentrate their limited funds in their socio-economic programs and endeavors.

The bill seeks to convert Candon-Santiago-San Esteban Coastal Road located in the province of Ilocos Sur into a national road. The road leads to well-known and newly declared tourist destinations in the province such as Santiago Cove, Candon City Ecotourism Zone, and San Esteban Port. It further connects to national roads going to Sta. Maria Church, Pinsal Falls, the Heritage City of Vigan, the Shrine of Tirad Pass, and national roads going to Mountain Province, and Baguio. This road would also connect more people to the newly established Ilocos Sur Medical Hospital and would connect students to the newly established and soon to be University of Ilocos Philippines and all its campuses.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Candon-Santiago-San Esteban Coastal Road in the Province of
2 Ilocos Sur is hereby converted into a National Road.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary
5 rules, orders, and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act within (60) days from
6 its effectivity.

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8 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
9 Official gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,