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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a separate Land Transportation Office in the City of Sipalay, Negros Occidental to serve the registration and licensing needs of the residents and vehicle owners within the vicinity.

At present, the nearest LTO is located in Himamaylan City which is approximately 80 kilometers away from Sipalay City. Another LTO is located in Bacolod City which is 168 kilometers away. Given the thriving economic and tourism activities in Sipalay City and neighboring towns, more and more vehicles including motorcycles are being purchased. The distance between Sipalay City and the nearest LTO renders registration and other transactions expensive and inconvenient to vehicle owners as well as those applying and renewing driver's licenses.

The establishment of a separate LTO in Sipalay City is therefore imperative.

  
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY , PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Main Office in Quezon City, a district office of the LTO in the City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the LTO District Office in the City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental , the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DOTC shall issue rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,