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House of Representatives

Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL No.

Introduced by: HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Javier, Leyte is a young but fast-growing municipality with continuous increase of commercial centers, schools, various business establishments and other public facilities. Its strategic location affords windows of opportunities to traders and other business entrepreneurs. Private, commercial and industrial transportation facilities including public utility buses, jeepneys, taxi cabs, motorcycles incessantly ply the routes of the municipality. The vibrant daily movement of people prompts government officials in the Municipality of Javier to become aware of the lack of a regular Land Transportation Office.

Based on 2018 statistics, Region 8 was able to collect P610,141,048.09 revenue collection from the 697,441-motor vehicle registration handled, 279,819 permits and licenses issued and 14,289 apprehension transactions handled. Despite persistent efforts of the Regional Office to do more out of the relatively exigent resources, the service still remains disproportionate in relation to the growing demands.

There is still a growing demand for a prompt and more efficient public service. Creating regular district offices out of the existing extension offices and licensing centers by way of legislation is the most viable policy orientation and implementation, with substantial and appropriate funding to handle larger transactions for driver's license, motor vehicle registration and law enforcement activities.

The Act of conversion of extension offices is consistent with the objective of shortening or minimizing red tape in government which has been one of the priority programs of the present administration. It also supports the principle of decentralization and devolution of the functions in order to promote efficiency in the delivery of service by the government and cost-effectiveness for the people.

To conclude, we humbly request for the approval of our proposal to convert LTO Javier Extension Office into a regular district office.

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

Representative 5th District, Leyte



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JAVIER, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1. A regular district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is hereby established in the Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte.
- SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the Regular LTO District Office in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, 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 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,