# Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

### **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

First Regular Session

4038

HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced by Representative TYRONE D AGABAS

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Land Transportation Satellite Office in the Municipality of Rosales, Province of Pangasinan, into a regular land transportation district office in the 6th District of Pangasinan.

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) has always envisioned itself as a frontline government agency showcasing a fast and efficient public service for a progressive land transport sector. To this end, satellite offices were created to expand the scope of its services to a wider number of clientele in the transport sector.

However, there are cases when at some point in time satellite offices cease to function as satellite offices and start functioning as regular LTO offices in line with the LTO's vision of showcasing a fast and efficient public service. Such is the case of the LTO Satellite Office located in Rosales, Pangasinan. It was originally operating in the Municipality of Tayug, Pangasinan. But due to high clientele demands buttressed by the establishment of a national government center in Carmay, Rosales, Pangasinan, the LTO Satellite office in Tayug was transferred to Rosales. After several years of operation, the volume of transactions at LTO Rosales considerably increased to a level unparallel to a satellite office. It has reached a stage when its income has even surpassed that of the LTO regular office stationed in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. The number of clientele in Rosales, some of whom come as far as Nueva Ecija and Tarlac, considerably multiplied the volume of transactions in LTO Rosales.

We are aware also that a satellite office can only function under limited restrictions. Mostly, it is only confined to applications for student permit, renewal of license and motor vehicle registration. The rest of the functions are exercised by LTO regular offices. Much as it would like to cover all LTO transactions, LTO Rosales cannot function as regular LTO. Given the fact that LTO Rosales is the only LTO office in the 6th District of Pangasinan which caters to ten municipalities including adjacent municipalities bordering Tarlac (Region III) and Nueva Ecija (Region II), there is a need to convert the same into a regular LTO office that can regularly function with all the services attached to a regular district office.

On top of its functionality, the conversion of LTO Rosales satellite office into a regular LTO district office can serve as a solution to the common problems of delay in the delivery of LTO services as this would necessarily translate to a faster processing of transactions and shorter queues.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACTCONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN MUNICIPALITY OF ROSALES, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- **SECTION 1.** The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Satellite Office in Rosales, Pangasinan is hereby converted into a regular LTO district office.
  - **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Transportation shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a Regular LTO District Office in Carmay, Rosales, Pangasinan, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the said Satellite Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation as a Regular LTO District Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Acts.
  - **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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