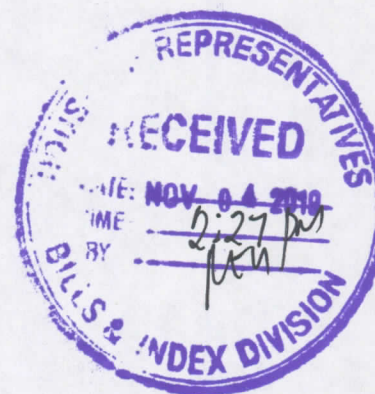Republic of the Philippines
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House Bill No. **5277**

Introduced by Honorable JOSE "JUN" L. ONG, JR.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNCIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Northern Samar is composed of twenty-four municipalities. Ten of the said municipalities are located in the Second District of Northern Samar namely Catubig, Gamay, Laoang, Lapinig, Las Navas, Mapanas, Palapag, Pambujan, San Roque, Silvino Lobos.

To date, there is only one LTO Satellite Office catering to twenty-four municipalities of the Province of Northern Samar. The said LTO District Office is located in the Municipality of Catarman which lies very far from the most of the Pacific towns of the Second District of Northern Samar. Thus, the demand to create one in the Second district in order to cater to far flung areas of the province.

Being the sole LTO District Office in the whole province, the owners or holders of drivers' licenses and motor vehicle registrants of all twenty-four municipalities transacts with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Catarman. The distance between these municipalities, the time it takes to cover such distance, and the long queues that the citizens of the Province of Northern Samar face upon getting to these places, are among other things, the main obstacles that have affected

their ability to efficiently and promptly comply with various important land transportation requirements.

Collaterally, these obstacles have adversely affected the income and earnings of some public utility drivers who have been forced to forego a day's worth of operation and income in order to devote time and effort in securing the various requirements for their continued operation.

Innumerable private motor vehicle owners and transport groups or associations have persistently called on and petitioned the Local Government of the Municipality of Laoang for the establishment of a Regular District Land Transportation Office in the Second District of Northern Samar that would provide fast and comfortable transactions of LTO requirements and matters. It is estimated that apart from the convenience and comfort that this measure would bring to the transport and motoring community of the people of the Second District of Northern Samar, the creation of a permanent regular Land Transportation Office in the said municipality would encourage owners of delinquent accounts to update their status, records, and registrations leading to a great improvement in revenue collection for both Local and National Governments.

In view thereof, early consideration and approval 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:

SECTION 1.   There shall be established a regular district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Laoang, Northern Samar to be known as the Land Transportation District Office - Laoang.

SECTION 2.   The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTO District Office in the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,