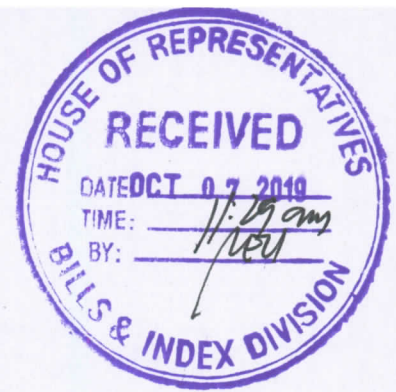




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HOUSE BILL NO. 5115



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Introduced by  
**REPRESENTATIVE LOREN B. LEGARDA**

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION**  
**OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANDAN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Explanatory Note**

This proposed bill seeks to set up a Land Transportation Office (LTO) Satellite Branch in the Municipality of Pandan, Province of Antique. At present, vehicle users in Pandan and those in neighboring municipalities in the northern part of Antique have to travel more or less 149 kilometers to the nearest LTO district branch located in the Municipality of San Jose de Buenavista.

Aside from the long commute that the transacting clients need to endure to complete their respective transactions with LTO, they also have to shell out additional transportation expenses.

Moreover, as of 2012 records of the Philippine Statistics Office, the Province of Antique has a total of 18,314 motor vehicle registrations. This is the latest statistics provided by the PSA and considering that 7 years have passed, the total number of registrations has increased. Thus, resulting in longer queue of transacting clients.

This measure aims to bring these services closer, not only to the residents of Pandan, but to those residing in neighboring municipalities in Antique and Aklan as well, to ensure that efficient motor vehicle registrations and issuance of licenses is provided to the transacting clients.

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

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

- 1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987  
2 Philippine Constitution that the goals of the national economy are a more equitable  
3 distribution of opportunities, income and wealth, the State hereby adopts a policy to  
4 ensure quality service to the public and that appropriate number of competent  
5 human resources maybe supplied by the management to answer the call of bringing  
6 the services much closer to the public. Towards this end, the State ensures the  
7 expeditious renewal and application of driver's license and car registration.
- 8 **SEC. 2.** There shall be established under the supervision of the land Transportation  
9 Office (LTO) Main Office in the Municipality of San Jose de Buenavista, a satellite  
10 branch of the LTO in the Municipality of Pandan, Province of Antique.
- 11 **SEC. 3.** The Chairperson of the LTO shall immediately include in the Office's  
12 program the operationalization of the LTO Satellite Office in the Municipality of  
13 Pandan, Province of Antique. The initial funding for the implementation of this Act



1 shall be sourced from the appropriations for the Department of Transportation under  
2 the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the appropriate funding for the operation  
3 and maintenance of the foregoing LTO Satellite Office shall be included in the  
4 annual General Appropriations Act.

5 **SEC. 4.** The Chairperson of the LTO shall issue such rules and regulations as may  
6 be necessary to carry out the purpose and objective of this Act.

7 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be held  
8 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in  
9 full force and effect

10 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations  
11 inconsistent with or contrary to this Act are hereby deemed accordingly repealed or  
12 amended.

13 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – The Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from  
14 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

15 Approved,