

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 463



Introduced By **Honorable ERWIN L. CHIONGBIAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Alabel, Province of Sarangani.

In 1996, the LTO Extension Office in Alabel, Sarangani was established with funding coming from the congressional allocation of Cong. James Chiongbian. Presently, the appropriation for its operation is from the provincial government of Sarangani. The records will show that the LTO Extension Office ranks second highest among the ten district offices of Region IX in terms of revenue contribution to the national government.

It is therefore, being proposed that an LTO District Office be established for the Province of Sarangani in the Municipality of Alabel to be able to serve the people in the province more effectively and efficiently. Because pertinent documents which require verification from an approving authority is in the mother office, any application for or renewal of driving license or registration of motor vehicles have to be sent back to the mother office for action. By establishing a district office, the time spent for such application, renewal, or registration will be minimized.

Moreover, it is best that the funds for the operation of the Sarangani LTO Extension Office come from the national government. In such case, the provincial funds otherwise spent for the operations of the LTO Extension Office can be used for projects towards provincial development.

Premises considered, it is prayed that this bill be approved.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE FOR THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI, 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 Department of Transportation and Communications, a district office of the Land Transportation Office for the Province of Sarangani to be located in the Municipality of Alabel of the said province.

SEC. 2. The officers and employees of the LTO Extension Office shall be absorbed by the District Office to such extent as it may be administratively feasible under this Act; *Provided*, That the officers or employees who have been employed in the LTO Extension Office for the past three consecutive years shall have the right to choose between retirement, separation with pay and absorption by the District Office: *Provided*, further, That nothing shall be construed to prevent a qualified and competent officer or employee who opted for an early retirement, or separation with pay from seeking reemployment: *Provided*, finally, That those officers and employees who can not be absorbed by the District Office shall be entitled to such benefits accorded to separated or retrenched government employees, as provided under existing laws.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Communications under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the District Land Transportation Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,