



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



Thirteenth Congress  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3717**

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**Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Sogod, Southern Leyte.

Sogod is about sixty (60) kilometers from Maasin City. At present, constituents coming from the fourteen (14) municipalities of Southern Leyte have to travel several kilometers to Maasin City for their LTO transactions. It is, therefore, being proposed that an LTO District Office be established in the Municipality of Sogod to serve more effectively and efficiently the people from the various municipalities to include the following: Sogod, Liloan, San Ricardo, Pintuyan, St. Bernard, San Juan, San Ricardo, Anahawan, Hinundayan, Hinunangan, Silago, Libagon, Bontoc and Tomas Oppus.

The establishment of an LTO District Office in the Municipality of Sogod is economically viable and highly supported by the local government and local leaders in the areas concerned. By establishing a district office within the municipality, the time spent for such application or renewal of driver's license or registration of motor vehicle will be minimized.

In view of the policy of the government to provide access to resources and services to build a just, humane and prosperous community of self-reliant and empowered people, approval of this bill is highly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Mercado', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

**ROGER G. MERCADO**



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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND**  
**TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**SOGOD, SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the Department of Transportation and Communications, a district office of the Land Transportation Office in the Municipality of Sogod, Southern Leyte.

SEC. 2. 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. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,