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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The creation of Compostela Valley Province from the Province of Davao del Norte by virtue of Republic Act No. 8470 on January 30, 1998, was overwhelmingly ratified by the populace who wanted to independently chart their political destiny. It was unintended, however, that the law did not include the creation of provincial branches of important national offices. The new political subdivision is feeling the pinch of not having her own budgetary allocation and the physical infrastructure for these offices. The need for their establishment and institutionalization will not only help the wheels of governance run smoothly but will also alleviate the geographical perplexity being felt by the residents who have to travel great distances in neighboring provinces to transact official business.

In line with the preceding, this bill proposes the creation of a Land Transportation Office in Compostela Valley Province. The establishment of said government agency will facilitate the residents' acquisition of driver's licenses as well as the registration of motor vehicles and other transport services. It will also prevent illegal activities concerning the conveyance, transfer, sale or possession of vehicles.

The passage of this bill is urgently requested.

MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Maria Carmen S. Zamora", written over the printed name.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF
COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established the Land Transportation Office, hereinafter referred to as LTO Office, of Compostela Valley Province which shall exercise jurisdiction over all municipalities of the province.

SEC. 2. The LTO Office shall be located in the Municipality of Nabunturan.

SEC. 3. The Head of the LTO Office shall be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation and Communication. The Head of the LTO Office shall be assisted by a staff to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation and Communication in accordance with existing laws.

SEC. 4. All records pertaining to the jurisdiction of the LTO Office of Compostela Valley Province shall be transferred thereto.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communication shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Communication under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amounts as maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the LTO Office of Compostela Valley Province shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,