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HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2155**

Introduced by Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon

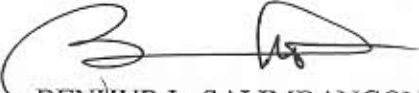
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Land Transportation Office – Extension Office to be located at the Municipality of Bantayan, Bantayan Island, Cebu.

The Island of Bantayan comprises of three (3) municipalities namely: Bantayan, Madridejos and Sta. Fe. The municipality of Bantayan where the proposed Land Transportation Office – Extension Office is to be located is a first class municipality and the most strategic area because it is the center of the island. The combined population of the three municipalities is almost One Hundred Thousand (100,000) constituents. To get to the mainland where a LTO Extension Office is located in the municipality of Medellin it would take about an hour boat ride and thirty minutes land trip. This has been a deterrent to the owners of the motor vehicles in Bantayan thus resulting to numerous unregistered motor vehicles and numerous drivers without the corresponding driver's licenses. This also results to loss of income to the State. It is therefore imperative that we bring the LTO Office closer to the transacting public. The proposed Land Transportation Office – Bantayan Extension Office shall cater to the municipalities of Bantayan, Madridejos and Sta. Fe including the constituents of the small islets therein.

The creation of the Land Transportation Office – Bantayan Extension Office would generate income to the State and more importantly it will ease the burden of the transacting public by providing them an accessible and effective LTO Extension Office. The creation of the Land Transportation Office Extension Office would encourage the public to register their motor vehicles and renew their respective driver licenses. The LTO Extension Office would likewise cater to other administrative matters relative to transportation.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CREATING THE
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE - BANTAYAN EXTENSION OFFICE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be a Land Transportation Office Extension Office to be located at the Municipality of Bantayan, Bantayan Island, Province of Cebu to be known as Land Transportation Office – Bantayan Extension Office.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications shall issue rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of the LTO – Bantayan Extension Office in Bantayan, Cebu, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,