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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2793



Introduced by Honorable **EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

In 1996, the LTO Extension Office in Alabel, Sarangani was established with funding coming from the congressional allocation of Congressman 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 mother office for action. By establishing a district office, the time spent for such application, renewal, or registrations will be minimized.

Moreover, it is the best that the funds for the operations of the Sarangani LTO Extension Office come from the national government. In such case, the provincial funds otherwise spent for the operation 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 THEREOF

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 of the Province of Sarangani be located in the municipality of Alabel of the said province.

SECTION 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 *Act: Provided*, That the officers or employees who have been employed in the LTO extension office for the past three (3) consecutive years shall have right to choose between *Provided further*, That nothing shall be construed to prevent a qualified and competent officers and employee who opted for an early retirement, or separation with pay from seeking reemployment. *Provided, finally*, That those officers and employees who cannot be absorbed by the District office shall be entitled to such benefits accorded to separated or retrenched government employees, as provided under existing laws.

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

SECTION 4. The Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,


HON. EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO