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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Complex, Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. **6326**

Introduced by Representative JESUS N. SACDALAN, First District, North Cotabato

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Midsayap Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) located in the Poblacion of Midsayap, North Cotabato into a regular LTO District Office.

The LTO Extension Office in Midsayap, North Cotabato has been existing and operating for the past five (5) years, from Year 2012 to present. It is housed inside the Municipal Hall compound of the Municipality of Midsayap, but with a building of its own. It is serving the P-PALMA cluster municipalities, comprising of Pikit, Pigkawayan, Aleosan, Libungan, Midsayap and Alamada.

The Office is viable and feasible to become a regular LTO office. For the five year period in operation, it has registered a total of 53,932 motor vehicles at an average of 10,786 vehicles registered annually; has issued a total of 29,223 Driver's License/Permits at an average of 5,845 per year; has conducted 5,074 apprehensions and has a total revenue collection of P89,882,741.91 or an average of P17,976,548.00 annually for the period of five years.

Considering that it is only an extension Office, it has a very lean manpower compliment, which number is already insufficient to provide a faster and more efficient service. On the other side, the volume of registration activities being handled is also consuming much of the time of the LTO Extension Office personnel that, the function of monitoring the traffic rules observance could not be given its 100% focus.

The P-PALMA cluster municipalities is a growing economy, and becoming more urbanized. It is the desire of the LTO Midsayap Extension Office to service all the municipalities in terms of vehicles registration and issuances of driver's licenses, however, they are limited in terms of personnel and equipment.

With the conversion of the LTO Midsayap Extension Office into a Regular LTO District Office, based in Midsayap, North Cotabato, corresponding funding will be allocated to support a sufficient number of plantilla personnel and it could acquire facilities and equipment needed for its operation. These sufficient number of manpower, and adequate facilities and equipment could expedite the services provided, could shorten the downtime in the processing of new and renewal of motor vehicles registration and drivers licenses, be able to monitor traffic rules observance. Moreover, it is expected that the revenue collections will increase.

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



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE MIDSAYAP EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND
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COTABATO INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Midsayap Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) located in Midsayap, North Cotabato is hereby converted into a regular LTO district office and thereafter referred to as the Midsayap LTO District Office.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Midsayap LTO District Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the existing Midsayap LTO Extension Office in Midsayap, North Cotabato. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Midsayap LTO District Office shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Transportation shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.