



Seventeenth Congress
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **6725**

Introduced by Representative Peter M. Unabia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

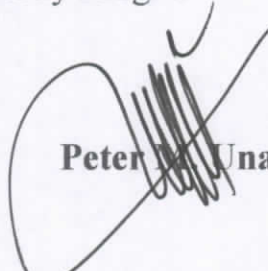
This bill seeks to establish a district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Balingasag, Misamis Oriental.

The Province of Misamis Oriental is composed of two legislative districts. The First Legislative District is composed of Gingoog City and the Municipalities of Magsaysay, Talisayan, Balingoan, Medina, Kinoguitan, Sugbongcogon, Binuangan, Salay, Lagonglong and Balingasag. When the residents of the First Legislative District of Misamis Oriental apply for or renew their vehicle registration documents and licenses, they have to travel for at least one to two hours to the nearest LTO district office in Gingoog City. They have to spend more hours if they travel to the LTO regional office in Cagayan de Oro City, because of horrendous traffic in going to and from that city.

The present location of the LTO district office in Gingoog City poses a big problem and great inconvenience to the residents of the municipalities unfortunately located in the middle of the province such as Kinoguitan, Sugbongcogon, Binuangan, Salay, Lagonglong. More often, those who come from these municipalities do not accomplish their business with LTO within the day. They have to go back for another day, or worse for more days to completely finish their transactions with LTO. This spells money, effort and time. Thus, the length of travel adversely affects the income and earnings of many public utility vehicle owners and drivers who are forced to sacrifice a day's work in order to devote their time and effort to apply for and renew their licenses and registration documents.

The proposed establishment of the LTO district office in Balingasag, which is strategically located in the middle of Misamis Oriental, will not only cater to the LTO needs of the Municipalities of Balingasag, Lagonglong, Binuangan, Salay, Sugbongcogon and Kinoguitan but also the neighboring municipalities of Jasaan, Villanueva, Tagoloan, 2nd District Misamis Oriental and Manolo Fortich, province of Bukidnon. The residents of the First Legislative District of Misamis Oriental and the neighboring municipalities can be relieved of the burden and inconvenience of long travels. They can channel their time, effort and money to other productive activities that will improve their lives and contribute to the economic development of their community. Moreover, this will bring government service closer to the people.

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



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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BALINGASAG, MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a district office of the Land
Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Balingasag, Misamis
Oriental.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the
Department's programs the operationalization of the LTO District Office in the
Municipality of Balingasag, Misamis Oriental, the funding of which shall be
included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,