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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7043



**Introduced by Hon. Julieta R. Cortuna,
Representatives, A TEACHER Party-list**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING SABLAYAN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SABLAYAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall guarantee equal access to opportunities for public service. It is one of the State Policies enshrined in Article II, Section 26 of the Philippine Constitution. Towards this goal, all government instrumentalities are bounded to ensure access and opportunities for effective delivery of public services.

The promotion of safety and comfort in land travel through its services and facilities and to effectively implement the various transportation laws, rules and regulations is one of the public service mandated to Land Transportation Office, being the front line government agency showcasing fast and efficient public service for a progressive land transport sector.

Sharing with this mandate, the Municipality of Sablayan in the Province of Occidental Mindoro allocated funds in their 2017 Annual Executive Budget for the construction of LTO Building in the donated property of Fraterno T. Mendoza, Jr. and Family to Land Transportation Office, including the purchase of office equipments, furniture and fixtures to address services concerning the transport sector, public safety and comfort in land travel within the Municipality or in the entire Province of Occidental Mindoro or wherever the destination of the constituent is. This was realized by executing the Memorandum of Agreement involving the parties.

The establishment of LTO in Sablayan is very strategic and accessible to all Mindoreños, characterized being the being biggest Municipality in entire country and at the geographical center of the Province of Occidental Mindoro and very near to Northern Palawan Municipalities.

Aside delivery of public service, this is also part of the strategy of Municipality of Sablayan to push for economic development, which its constituents could engage in any related thereto, businesses and services. Also as part of the

scheme, the Municipality could enforce local revenue generation and promote best practices, tourism, good governance and among others.

The present distance of LTO Occidental Mindoro District Office in the Municipality of San Jose to other Municipalities in the province is considered hindrance in securing necessary licenses, permits and/or registration and for the part of LTO to enforce transportation laws, rules and regulations and to collect necessary fees and charges.

This year 2018, LTO Sablayan will operate under the principle of cooperation. Related expenses will be shouldered by the Land Transportation Office and the Municipality of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro as initial steps.

To sustain this noble project, this measure seeks to create a Land Transportation Office, Sablayan Extension Office in the Municipality of Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro which necessary funds for its operation shall be charged to National Government annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). It shall be under the supervision of LTO Occidental Mindoro District Office, located in the Municipality of San Jose.

Primarily, but not limited thereto, LTO Sablayan Extension Office will serve to the constituents of Municipality Sablayan itself, the nearby Municipalities of Calintaan, Sta. Cruz, Mamburao, Paluan and Abra de Ilog in the Province of Occidental Mindoro.

Establishment of LTO Sablayan Extension Office ensures effective public service. It brings LTO services closer to Mindoreños anchored in the principle of good governance and public accountability.

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



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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Occidental Mindoro District Office, an LTO Sablayan Extension Office located in LTO donated property along Fraterno T. Mendoza, Sr. Avenue, So. Tuburan, Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

Section 2. All properties and rights enjoined and for LTO Sablayan Extension shall be automatically transferred to Land Transportation Office upon execution of Deed of Donation and Acceptance. This will be use for LTO operations and services.

Section 3. Partnership and/or collaborative engagement with the Municipality of Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro may continue, in interest of both parties, subject to execution of appropriate arrangement.

Section 4. The Secretary of Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTO Sablayan Extension Office in the Municipality of Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. The Head of the Land Transportation Office shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,