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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JULIET MARIE D. FERRER

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Registration Office is a government agency that is mandated to perform the following functions: (1) Inspection and Registration of Motor Vehicles; (2) Issuance of License and Permits; (3) Enforcement of Land Transportation Rules and Regulations; (4) Adjudication of Traffic Cases; and (5) Collection of Revenues for the Government. It envisions to be a frontline government agency that is able to showcase fast and efficient public service for a progressive land transport sector.

The LTO La Carlota Extension Office was first created in August 1985 in order to serve the people of La Carlota City and the nearby municipalities and cities. In October 1999, the extension office was transferred to Pontevedra and was named LTO Pontevedra Extension Office. The transfer is more socially feasible to serve the public with the MV renewal transactions, renewal of license and issuance of student permits.

The LTO Pontevedra office is strategically located 42 kilometers away from LTO Bacolod City and 35 kilometers away from LTO Himamaylan District, Office of Negros Occidental. Thus, for LTO Pontevedra, its geographical area of responsibility (GAOR) covers the own of Pontevedra, San Enrique, Valladolid, Hinigaran, Pulupandan, La Castellana, Isabela, Moises Padilla, City of La Carlota, and Bago City in the province of Negros Occidental.

The LTO Pontevedra Office currently occupies a floor area of 192 square meters it is fully automated and all transactions are computerized. To date, the office has three (3) organic employees, three (3) LGU paid workers, six (6) contractual workers and one (1) site support.

In view of the geographical area presently being catered by the LTO Pontevedra Office and its ability to efficiently perform the mandated functions of the LTO, the LTO Pontevedra Extension Office can be converted to a regular office of the LTO. The conversion will ensure that the LTO Pontevedra Extension Office will be included in the programs of the Department of Transportation and Communication, thus, ensuring the continued delivery of efficient service to its stakeholders.

For these reasons, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN PONTEVEDRA
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE
AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as an "*Act Converting LTO
Pontevedra Extension Office into a regular district office of the Land
Transportation Office (LTO)*."

SEC. 2. The existing Pontevedra Extension office is hereby converted
into a regular LTO district office.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall
immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of
the Regular LTO District Office in Pontevedra, the initial funding of which
shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the LTO
Pontevedra Extension Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary

for the continued operation of the Regular LTO District Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.