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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8207



Introduced by Honorable Alexandria P. Gonzales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Motor vehicle use, most notably in the Metropolitan Manila area, has been on a constant rise. It is a known fact that with financing options, problems with the mass transportation, the penchant to cash in on the increasingly popular transport network vehicle system (TNVS), and the desire of many Filipinos to own a vehicle are some of the oft-cited reasons. Notwithstanding the headaches of going through the metropolitan traffic gridlocks, ownership of motor vehicles will be on an upward trend.

This fact gives rise to the corollary increase in transactions for services provided by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) relative to vehicle registration and issuance of driver's licenses. As the agency tasked by government to handle the registration of motor vehicles, issuance of driver's licenses, and adjudication of cases related to its functions. For the National Capital Region, the LTO has eighteen (18) district offices, and five (5) extension offices, nineteen (19) drivers' license renewal centers and officers, and six (6) licensing centers. For the period January-June 2018, these offices and centers accounted for the issuance of 1,058,528 licenses and permits and the registration of 1,788,402 motor vehicles.

While the above figures would show a number of district and extension offices that could handle voluminous transactions by the LTO, it is by now a recognized fact that these offices find themselves swamped by the sheer number of applicants either for vehicle registration or the issuance of licenses and permits. Clearly, the upward trend in vehicle ownership would necessitate the conversion of certain extension offices of the LTO which, by their very nature, could handle a volume of transactions considerably lower than those of district offices due to the lack of manpower, facilities, and budget.

One such extension office is the Mandaluyong City LTO Extension Office (Mandaluyong EO) which to date is still under the Pasig City District Office. The Mandaluyong EO is situated in the geographical center of Metropolitan Manila, and is handling an average of 766 transactions per day. For 2017 alone, the Mandaluyong EO has issued 30,109 driver's licenses and 111,033 motor vehicle registration. These accounted for a revenue collection of PhP 353,010,434.55. For the period January-June 2018, Mandaluyong EO's revenue collection is PhP 175,814,174.60. It must be noted that these transactions were handled by a personnel complement of nineteen (19) people, and while productivity is high, the focus and reliability of personnel performance may be affected by factors such as employee multitasking and fatigue.

It is within this context that the conversion of the LTO Mandaluyong City Extension Office into a District Office is hereby proposed.

As a District Office, the LTO Mandaluyong City would be able to have its own plantilla of permanent employees, updated technology and equipment that will allow the office to respond to growing demands, and the appropriate budget resources for the implementation of regular LTO programs. It would also be able to acquire its own office that will provide a better working atmosphere for its employees, as well as provide ample parking space for those who will transact business with the office. Overall, these conditions will add to the efficiency and productivity of the office because the LTO Mandaluyong City District Office would be able to increase the number and types of transactions it currently handles.

In view of the foregoing, earnest approval of this measure is sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION
OFFICE LOCATED IN MANDALUYONG CITY 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 existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office located in Mandaluyong City is hereby converted into a Regular LTO District Office.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of a Regular LTO District Office in Mandaluyong City, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the LTO Extension Office located in Mandaluyong City. 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.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall issue such rules and regulations necessary 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,