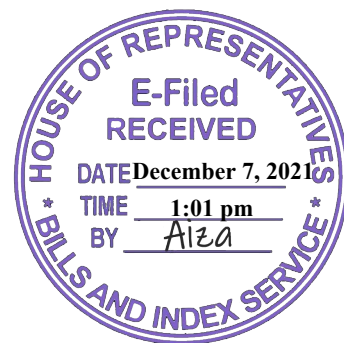


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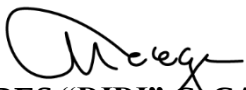
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The continued development of farm-to-market roads and the increasing vehicle traffic in the delivery of basic commodities, goods and services within the Province of Davao Del Sur requires a fully functional and capable Land Transportation Office (LTO) district office to cater to five of the nine municipalities in the Province including the Municipalities of Sulop, Kiblawan, Padada, Malalag, and Hagonoy, and other nearby municipalities from the Province of Davao Occidental and Sarangani Province.

Converting the LTO E-Patrol Sulop Office into a regular district office will also decongest the LTO District Office in Digos City as the former, being located along the national highway, is easily accessible. Data from the LTO provides that the proposed LTO district office is projected to provide vehicle registration renewal services to 65, 970 vehicle owners, and issue driver’s licenses to approximately 169,901 drivers.

Currently, the LTO E-Patrol Sulop Office which opened in August 16, 2021 at Sulop Public Market, only provides limited services such as applications for student permit, driver’s license renewal, and renewal of motor vehicles’ registration. Its conversion to a district office will allow the issuance of new licenses, initial registration of motor vehicles, adjudication of traffic cases, and acceptance of payments for traffic and vehicle-related violations.

It is for the foregoing reason that the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) E-Patrol Office in the Municipality of Sulop, Province of Davao Del Sur is hereby converted into a regular LTO district office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the operationalization of the regular LTO district office in the Municipality of Sulop, Province of Davao Del Sur, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the LTO E-Patrol Sulop Office. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Sulop LTO District Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,