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House Bill No. **10828**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) as an agency attached to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) is mandated to promulgate, administer, enforce, monitor compliance of policies, laws, and regulations of public land transportation services. The agency's mission of ensuring adequate, safe, convenient, environment-friendly, and dependable public land transportation at reasonable rates for the commuting public and its vision of improvement of the socio-economic status of its stakeholders and promotion of the welfare of the general public require on-site services and monitoring of program implementation.

With the rising economy in the Western Visayas region particularly in the Metropolitan Bacolod area, motor vehicle use, both in the private and public sectors, has been on an upward trend, evident in the growing volume of traffic especially in major thoroughfares. Transport network vehicle systems (TNVS) have also become popular among citizens that it is now a major contributor in motor vehicle and user volume. Due to the aforementioned rise, the demand for services provided by the LTFRB in relation to franchise application, registration, regulation, and issuance and sectoral subsidy programs have similarly increased. However, despite the rising number of stakeholders situated in the Metropolitan Bacolod area, constituents are still burdened with the inconvenience of travelling to the Regional Office in Iloilo just to transact with the LTFRB. Likewise, recent events pertaining to the State's fuel subsidy program wherein stakeholders, particularly transport groups representing 7,000 drivers in Bacolod City, failed to receive government subsidy amid a significant increase in fuel cost, emphasizes the need to establish an LTFRB Office to cater to and oversee the situation of stakeholders in the area.

In pursuit of efficient, effective, and accessible public service, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
(LTFRB) OFFICE IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a provincial office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in the Province of Negros Occidental, to be known as LTFRB-Negros Occidental Provincial Office, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the Province of Negros Occidental and shall be headed by a provincial director. The LTFRB-Negros Occidental Provincial Office shall be located in Bacolod City, Province of Negros Occidental.

SECTION 2. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the LTFRB, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the LTFRB-Negros Occidental Provincial Office. The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the LTFRB and the Secretary of the DBM for approval.

SECTION 3. The Chairperson of the LTFRB shall immediately include in the LTFRB's programs the operationalization of the LTFRB-Negros Occidental Provincial Office.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. LTFRB shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,