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H. B. No. 1126

Introduced by HON. WILTON "TONTON" T. KHO

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND
REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CATAINGAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

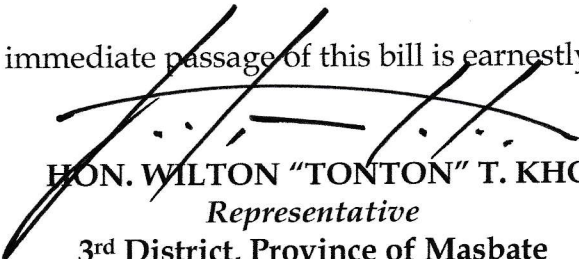
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to formally establish a district office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate. Presently, applicants for and present holders of Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) or permits authorizing the operation of public land transportation services, including applications concerning fares, rates, and other related charges thereto, must go to the LTFRB's regional office situated at the City of Legazpi, Province of Albay, far away from the Province of Masbate just to transact with that regional office. This situation results in CPC applicants and holders incurring significant costs due to traveling to another province, which costs can not be absorbed by operators. Expectedly, the riding public will bear the brunt of such expenses included in the increased fares.

The aspirations of many Filipinos to have a comfortable life is one of the responsibilities of the government. The establishment of an LTFRB district office at the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate, will surely remedy the situation with the reduced expense in travelling to a regional office by transport operators as a factor

in fixing the fares, thereby relieving the economic impact of transportation costs to transport operators, the riding public, and all the stakeholders.

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



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3rd District, Province of Masbate

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

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department of Transportation's programs the establishment, operationalization, and maintenance of the LTFRB district office in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

1 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
2 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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4 *Approved,*