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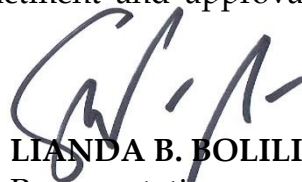
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of an extension office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Padre Garcia, Province of Batangas. Padre Garcia is one of the strategic towns in the Fourth District of Batangas. With the growing trade and business in Padre Garcia, in the Fourth District and in the nearby municipalities, it is most fitting that it have access to basic public services including access to LTO's services in securing vehicle registrations, processing of driver's license and permits, and other concerns on land transportation.

Presently, my constituents in the Fourth District transact business with the LTO district offices in Lipa City and Batangas City. With increasing fuel prices and the ongoing pandemic, it has been quite challenging to visit these district offices. There has also been an increasing demand for the services provided by the LTO. In 2020, the LTO Calabarzon recorded 160,547 new registration and renewal of cars; 237,725 for utility vehicles; 70,453 for SUVs; 19,912 for trucks; and 1,127 for buses.¹ In 2018, Lipa City DO recorded 124,866 vehicle registrations and Batangas City DO, 85,594 while the extension offices in Balayan and Taal, Batangas recorded 51,178 and 38,109 vehicle registrations respectively.² And this number continues to increase.

The upward trend in vehicle ownership and the ongoing cost of travel to existing LTO offices would necessitate the creation of additional LTO extension office to effectively cater to requests and application for vehicle registration and issuance of permits and licenses and reduce the burden of the current LTO district offices in Lipa City and Batangas City. The establishment of an extension office of the LTO in Padre Garcia, Batangas will be a relief not only for the motorists of the municipalities of the Fourth District but also that of the nearby municipalities of Quezon.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ <https://www.foi.gov.ph/requests/aglzfmb2ktcGhyHQsSB0NvbnRlbnQiEExUTy05MDY1NDYzMzI4MDECM>

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA IN THE FOURTH
DISTRICT OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of
2 Transpiration (DOTr) an Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in
3 the Municipality of Padre Garcia, Province of Batangas.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The LTO Extension Office shall cater to the Fourth District of Batangas
6 comprised of the municipalities of Ibaan, Padre Garcia, Rosario, San Jose, San Juan,
7 and Taysan, and that of nearby municipalities of Quezon.

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9 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately
10 include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTO Extension
11 Office in the Municipality of Padre Garcia, Province of Batangas, the funding of which
12 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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14 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall issue such rules
15 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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17 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
18 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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20 Approved,