



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3401



Introduced by Representative Lorenz R. Defensor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Third Legislative District of the Province of Iloilo to be located in the Municipality of Pototan, to be known as the Pototan LTO District Office.

Having a faster and efficient processing of transactions in the LTO for both private and government vehicles is one of the ways to effectively boost the economic activity and ease the delivery of basic government services to the public especially during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

At present, there is only one district office of the LTO in the Third Legislative District of the Province of Iloilo, which is located in the Municipality of Calinog. This hardworking, but overburdened LTO district office in Calinog caters to nine municipalities with a total population of 434,124. The office can only serve a minimal number of clients per day.

The current COVID-19 pandemic and the need to expand the services to a greater number of clients per day, urgently necessitate the establishment of another LTO district office to be strategically located in the Municipality of Pototan, Province of Iloilo. Given the thriving economic and tourism activities in the Municipality of Pototan and its neighboring towns, the volume of vehicles including motorcycles is rapidly increasing. The proposed LTO district office will complement and unburden the work load in the existing LTO district office in Calinog, Iloilo in terms of accessibility, efficiency, quality and timeliness of doing business transactions, and increase the income of the Third Legislative District of Iloilo.

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



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND**
3 **TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POTOTAN**
4 **IN THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF**
5 **ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
8 *Congress assembled:*
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10 SECTION 1. There shall be established a district office of the Land
11 Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Pototan in the Third
12 Legislative District of the Province of Iloilo, to be known as the "*Pototan LTO*
13 *District Office.*"

14 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the
15 Department's program the operationalization of the Pototan LTO District Office
16 in the Municipality of Pototan in the Third Legislative District of the Province
17 of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
18 Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 3. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
2 Secretary of Transportation shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for
3 the effective implementation of this Act.

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

6 Approved,