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HOUSE BILL NO. 6417



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE MARK O. COJUANGCO

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LINGAYEN DISTRICT OFFICE INTO A "CLASS B" LTO DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

By virtue of Executive Order No. 125, LTO Lingayen District Office was classified as Class "D" District Office mandated to 1) register motor vehicles; 2) issue permits and licenses, and 3) adjudicate apprehension cases. It primarily caters services to the clients from the Second District Office of the Province of Pangasinan.

On November 24, 1995, the Province of Pangasinan granted LTO Lingayen District Office a 1,000 square meter lot located between the Kalantiao Building and the Magsaysay Elementary School Building for the construction of LTO office building under a 50-year usufruct arrangement.

Considering that the LTO Lingayen District Office, being a Class "D" District Office, only has a total of eleven (11) plantilla positions, there is therefore a need to convert the office from its current status of CLASS D to CLASS B to make it more responsive to its growing clientele.

This legislation seeks to upgrade the classification of the Lingayen District Office of Land Transportation Office from its current status of Class "D" to Class "B" District Office taking into consideration among others the following determining factors:

- Increase in the volume of transactions involving registration of motor vehicles, issuance of licenses and permits as well as adjudication of apprehension cases;
- Revenue collections from the major functions of the office in favor of the government;
- Accessibility of the present site as it is strategically located at the government center in the Provincial Capitol, Lingayen, Pangasinan;

- Capacity to serve even the nearby municipalities. The office site has adequate facilities such as inspection and parking areas for motor vehicles and waiting areas for clients, and thus, would not cause traffic build-up in the area; and
- Economic viability. The district office is currently operating in the lot under usufruct with the Local Government Unit of Lingayen, Pangasinan and at the office-owned building, thereby entailing minimal operational costs vis-à-vis revenue collections.

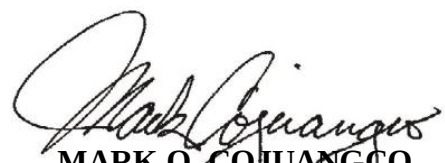
The rationale for the upgrading of the District Office is as follows:

- Transportation is a driver of the economy. Upgrading services mean development; corollary would mean faster processing of transactions and shorter queues in processing applications for licenses and permits and motor vehicle registration.
- It would ease the difficulties being encountered by owners of motor vehicle owners and drivers. Inevitably, this would mean the safety of the sector.
- Ultimately, this would capacitate the office to be more efficient and effective in the delivery of basic services of the Land Transportation Office to the public with more manpower to handle its day-to-day operations with the end goal of satisfied customers in the concerned areas of responsibility.

The bill is consistent with the policy embodied in LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200 on:

- A. Public Service. To serve the greatest number of people in the transport sector of the Second District of Pangasinan and its nearby population; and
- B. Integrity of motor vehicle registration and the driving community. Addressing the volume of transactions, streamlining the processes, and amplifying the ease of doing business in consonance with Republic Act No. 11032.

In view of the foregoing, 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 present Land Transportation Office (LTO) Lingayen District Office is hereby upgraded into a “Class B” LTO District Office.

SEC. 2. – The Secretary of Transportation shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a “Class B” LTO district office in the Second District of the Province of Pangasinan, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the LTO Lingayen District Office located in the Municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the “Class B” LTO district office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,