

**Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City**

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 6768



Introduced by Hon. Felimon M. Espares
COOP-NATCCO PARTYLIST

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE
OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
(LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANDAN,
PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS
THE "NORTHERN ANTIQUE LTO
CENTER," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) is a sectoral office of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) tasked with the registration of motor vehicles, the issuance of licenses to qualified motor vehicle drivers, the collection of fines and penalties for motor vehicle-related infractions, and the issuance of motor vehicle license plates, and the collection of fees therefor. As such, the LTO is one of the busiest government agencies, catering to a large section of the public.

At present, there is one LTO District Office in the Municipality of San Jose in southern Antique, which caters to the whole Province. However, with the increasing number of transactions per year in the Province, the public would be better served by the creation of a second LTO District in the Municipality of Pandan, which can better cater to the residents in northern Antique. This will also decongest the transactions in the San Jose office, which will improve the delivery of public service to the whole Province.

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

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

1 **Section 1.** A district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), under
2 the supervision of the Department of Transportation, is hereby established in the
3 Municipality of Pandan, Province of Antique, which shall serve the municipalities
4 of Pandan, Libertad, Sebaste, Culasi, Tibiao, Barbaza, and Laua-An, and shall be
5 known as the "Northern Antique Land Transportation Office (LTO) Center."

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7 **Section 2.** The Secretary of Transportation shall issue rules and
8 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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10 **Section 3.** The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in
11 the Departments program the operationalization of the Northern Antique LTO
12 Center, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's
13 appropriation of the existing LTO District Office in Antique. Thereafter, such sums
14 as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Northern Antique LTO
15 Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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17 **Section 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion
18 of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
19 circulation.

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21 *Approved,*