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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **7238**



Introduced by Honorable HORACIO P. SUANSING, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution declared as policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all (Article II, Section 9).

The following measure seeks to increase access to government services by establishing a regular Land Transportation Office (LTO) District Office in the Municipality of Kalamansig, in the Province of Sultan Kudarat. At present, the nearest LTO District Office is located in Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat, which is 140 kilometers (or a seven-hour trip by land) to the most remote areas in the coastal municipalities in the Second District of Sultan Kudarat, i.e., the Municipalities of Kalamansig, Lebak and Palimbang.

The distance of the sole LTO District Office in Tacurong City places undue burdens on our constituents in the Second District of Sultan Kudarat, not only on those who wish to process their motor vehicle registrations and their driving license applications and license renewals, but more especially on public utility vehicle (PUV) passengers and PUV drivers in our large municipal transport sectors, who now most experience the brunt of the extremely high cost of fuel in the current year.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
DISTRICT OFFICE IN BRGY. POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF
KALAMANSIG IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared a policy of the State to ensure access to essential and quality services to the public, and that appropriate and adequate human resources be provided therefor.

SECTION 2. *Creation of LTO District Office in the Municipality of Kalamansig.* – There is hereby created, under the supervision of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), a regular Land Transportation District Office in Brgy. Poblacion, Municipality of Kalamansig in the Province of Sultan Kudarat, to be known as “LTO - Kalamansig District Office”.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the DOTr. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continuous implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chairperson of the LTO shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,