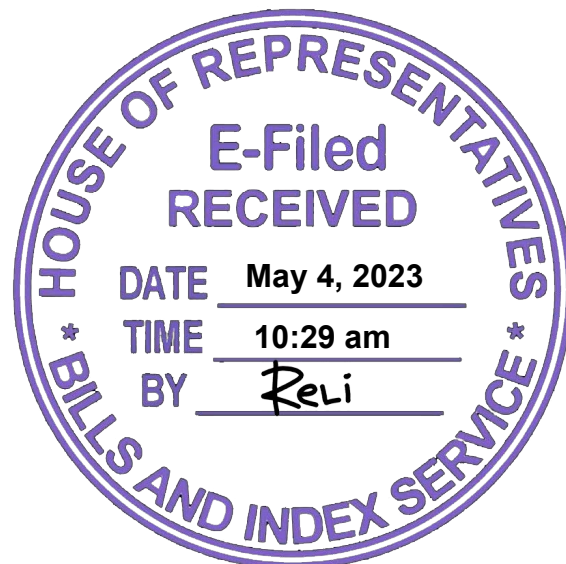




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HOUSE BILL NO. 7937



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO

**AN ACT UPGRADING LAGawe DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) INTO A REGULAR LTO CLASS “C” DISTRICT
OFFICE IN LAMUT, IFUGAO; CONVERSION OF ALFONSO LISTA EXTENSION
OFFICE INTO A REGULAR LTO CLASS “D” DISTRICT OFFICE IN ALFONSO
LISTA, IFUGAO; AND PROVIDING POSITIONS THERETO; AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the upgrading of the classification of LTO Lagawe District Office from “Class D” to “Class C” and the conversion of Alfonso Lista Extension Office as a regular LTO “Class D” District Office in the Province of Ifugao; providing positions thereto, and appropriating funds therefor.

The Province of Ifugao is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the Cordillera Administrative Region with a growing population of 207,498 as of year 2020. With the growing tourist, trade and business industry in the province, it is most fitting that the public be provided with available access to basic government services including access to LTO's services in securing vehicle registrations, processing of driver's license and permits, and other concerns on land transportation.

For the upgrading of LTO Lagawe District Office from Class “D” to Class “C”

In 1973, LTO (former Land Transportation Commission) Lagawe was established as a District Office under LTO Region 2. With the issuance of Executive Order 220, s. 1987 mandating the creation of the Cordillera Administrative Region, LTO Lagawe District Office with unit code 1416 was transferred under the umbrella of DOTC - CAR. Since its establishment, LTO Lagawe District Office was not upgraded despite the constant increase in their vehicle registration and driver's licensing transactions.

Upgrading the classification of LTO Lagawe District Office from “Class D” to “Class C” District Office will result in the creation of additional six (6) plantilla positions to supplement its current seven (7) personnel complement totaling to thirteen (13) public servants who would cater the transactions in the Province of Ifugao and its nearby municipalities.

For the years 2018, 2019, and 2022, LTO Lagawe District Office recorded an annual

average of twenty - five thousand, one hundred fifty - eight (25,158) motor vehicle, driver's licensing, and traffic adjudication transactions; with an average revenue collection of twenty - three million, five hundred eight thousand, two hundred thirty - eight pesos and ninety - one centavos (Php23,508,238.91).

Pursuant to LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200 [re: GUIDELINES IN THE CREATION OF LTO DISTRICT OFFICES (DO), CONVERSION OF EXTENSION OFFICES (EO) INTO DO/UPGRADING OF DO CLASSIFICATION LICENSING EXTENSION OFFICES (LEO) INTO LICENSING CENTER (LC)], an LTO District Office with an overall point score ranging from 26 - 50 may be converted to an LTO Class "C" District Office.

Based on the average annual volume of transactions and revenue collections of LTO Lagawe District Office, it yielded an overall point score of 32.5; hence, its classification should be upgraded from "Class D" to "Class C".

For the Conversion of Alfonso Lista Extension Office to a Regular Class "D" District Office.

Pursuant to LTO Office Order No. 2021 - 076 dated 17 March 2021, LTO Alfonso Lista Extension Office was established in the Municipality of Alfonso Lista, Ifugao to cater clients therein and its nearby municipalities and provinces. Although Alfonso Lista Extension Office offers motor vehicle registration, driver's/conductor's license, student permit, and traffic adjudication transactions, it was not provided with plantilla positions and appropriated funds for its operation considering that it is merely an extension office.

Currently, Alfonso Lista Extension Office is being manned by three (3) regular personnel with plantilla positions from DOTr - CAR Regional Office and LTO - Lagawe District Office, one (1) job order of DOTr - CAR and one (1) job order of the Municipality of Alfonso Lista, Ifugao.

For 2022, during its first full year of operation, Alfonso Lista Extension Office processed a total of seven thousand, six hundred seventy – two (7,672) motor vehicle, driver's licensing, and traffic adjudication transactions with a revenue collection of eight million, eight thousand, eight hundred seventy – two pesos and seventy – five centavos (Php8,008,872.75).

Pursuant to LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200, an Extension Office with an overall point score of 25 may be converted to an LTO "Class D" District Office. Based on its 2022 volume of transactions and revenue collection, LTO Alfonso Lista Extension Office yielded an overall point score of 25. The LTO Memorandum Circular further provides that an LTO District Office newly created by legislation shall be initially categorized as a "Class D" District Office.

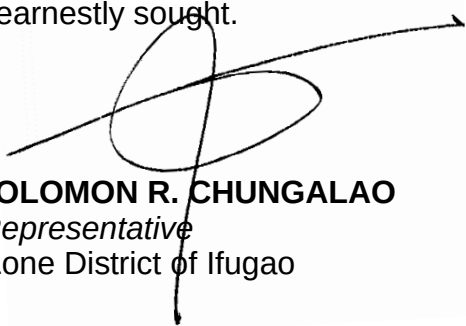
The conversion from Extension Office to "Class D" District Office of LTO Alfonso Lista shall likewise result to the creation of eight (8) plantilla positions who shall readily address the clients of Ifugao and its nearby municipalities and provinces.

The upgrading of LTO Lagawe District Office to "Class C" and conversion of LTO Alfonso Lista Extension Office to a "Class D" District Office shall not only benefit the local clients of province and its nearby municipalities and provinces but will also minimize the risk of clients resorting to or being victimized by fixers and fixing activities as well as eliminate cases of fake licenses and registration documents through a more convenient and readily available access to the services of the Land Transportation Office. Moreover, with the creation of addition plantilla positions, the clients shall be served with an enhanced and a more efficient and effective public service with faster processing time of transactions.

Finally, with the upward trend in vehicle ownership, issuance of permits and licenses,

more clients can be accommodated yielding to a higher revenue collection for the government.

Hence, the immediate enactment and approval 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. *Upgrading and Conversion.* – The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Lagawe District Office is hereby upgraded into a regular “Class C” District Office and the conversion of LTO Alfonso Lista Extension Office into a regular “Class D” District Office.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a “Class C” District Office in Lamut, Ifugao and regular “Class D” District Office in Alfonso Lista, Ifugao. The initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation for the said Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation of the “Class C” LTO District Office and “Class D” District Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Acts.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Assistant Secretary of LTO, in consultation with the Secretary of DOTr, shall formulate immediately the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,