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House Bill No. **8155**



Introduced by **Rep. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS**
1stDistrict, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Laoag District Office of the Land Transportation Office was established in 1987 by virtue of Executive Order No. 125 to provide services relative to land transportation, particularly the processing and registration of motor vehicles, issuance of licenses and permits, and adjudication of traffic violation and/or apprehensions. It caters to all municipalities and cities of the Province of Ilocos Norte.

LTO Laoag was legislated as a “Class C” District Office more than three decades ago. Since then, LTO Laoag has yet to be upgraded despite the large volume of transactions, increased revenue collections, and limited manpower.

The pandemic further triggered backlogs, which caused long queues and delays in the issuance of licenses, processing of registration and similar transactions. This rendered LTO Laoag inefficient and unreliable.

In order to appropriately address the needs of the public, this proposed measure seeks to upgrade the classification of the LTO Laoag from “Class C” to a “Class A” District Office.

Based on the average annual data, LTO Laoag handled 117,140 transactions, which posted an average annual revenue collection amounting to 89,754,227.52. Data presented would therefore qualify the reclassification of LTO Laoag from “Class C” to “Class A” District Office.

In line with this administration’s commitment to streamline government processes and deliver efficient, reliable and accessible public service, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Marcos".

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT
OFFICE LOCATED IN LAOAG CITY, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE
INTO A “CLASS A” LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion.* – The Laoag District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) located in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte is hereby upgraded into a “Class A” LTO District Office.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall include in the Department’s programs the operationalization of “Class A” LTO Laoag District Office the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of LTO Laoag District Office located in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Assistant Secretary of the LTO, in consultation with the Secretary of the DOTr, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,