

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8545

Introduced by Honorable Mark O. Go

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the classification of LTO Baguio District Office from Class “C” to Class “A” and the creation of Baguio Licensing Center as a regular LTO Class “B” Licensing Center in the City of Baguio. Baguio City is classified as a highly urbanized city with a growing population of 392,000 at the beginning of 2023. With the growing trade and business therein and its nearby municipalities, it is most fitting that the public has easy 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.

In 1992, LTO Baguio Licensing was separated from LTO Baguio District Office thereby administratively creating Baguio Licensing Center, which was given a different unit code (1406). While LTO Baguio Registration retained its (1404) unit code and Class “C” classification, its personnel complement remained to only fourteen (14) plantilla positions providing motor vehicle registration and driver’s licensing services. Since then, neither LTO Baguio District Office was upgraded nor the Baguio Licensing Center was provided with plantilla positions, despite the constant increase in their vehicle registration and driver’s licensing transactions respectively.

Upgrading the classification of LTO Baguio District Office into a Class “A” district office will result in the creation of additional fifteen (15) plantilla positions to supplement its current fourteen (14) personnel complement totaling to twenty-nine (29) public servants who would cater the voluminous transactions of LTO Baguio District Office.

For the years 2018, 2019, and 2022, LTO Baguio District Office recorded an average of eighty thousand, two hundred transactions (80,200) with an average revenue of Php108,819,879.59.

Pursuant to LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200, an LTO District Office with an overall point score ranging from 76 - 100 shall be merited to a Class “A”. Based on the average annual transactions and revenue of LTO Baguio District Office, it had garnered an overall point score of 82.5, hence, its classification should be upgraded from Class “C” to Class “A”.

The creation of Baguio Licensing Center into a regular Class “B” Licensing Center will not only benefit the local clients 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 through a more effective and efficient access to Driver’s Licensing services.

For the years 2018, 2019 and 2022, the total driver’s licensing annual transactions in the City of Baguio averaged to fifty – five thousand, five hundred sixteen (55,516) while its revenue averaged to Php25,210,374.61.

Under LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2330, a regular LTO Licensing Center Class “B” shall be created for offices with an annual volume of transactions ranging from 52,800 – 132,000. Considering that the total average annual driver’s licensing transactions in Baguio City is 55,516, it is but prudent to establish LTO Baguio Licensing Center as a regular Class “B” Licensing Center.

The creation of Baguio Licensing Center into a regular LTO Class “B” Licensing Center will result into the creation of twenty-four (24) plantilla positions who shall readily address the clients in Baguio City and its nearby municipalities.

With the upgrading of classification to class “A” District Office of LTO Baguio District Office and establishment of LTO Baguio Licensing Center into a regular class “B” Licensing Center, the clients from Baguio City and its nearby municipalities shall primarily benefit from 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.

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



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAGUIO DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) INTO A REGULAR LTO CLASS “A” DISTRICT
OFFICE IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO AND THE CREATION OF BAGUIO LICENSING
CENTER INTO A REGULAR LTO CLASS “B” LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY
OF BAGUIO, PROVIDING POSITIONS THERETO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion and Creation.* – The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Baguio District Office is hereby converted into a regular Class “A” District Office and the establishment of Baguio Licensing Center into a regular Class “B” Licensing Center to be located in the City of Baguio.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a Class “A” District Office and regular Class “B” Baguio Licensing Center in the City of Baguio, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the said Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation as a Class “A” LTO District Office and regular Class “B” Licensing Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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,