

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10436

Introduced by Representative **CARLITO S. MARQUEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan from its current classification into a ‘Class C’ office.

The LTO Kalibo District Office serves as a regulatory body with mandates to (1) register motor vehicles; (2) issue permits and licenses; and (3) enforce traffic laws, rules, and regulations in the Province of Aklan. Catering to over 615,000 Aklanons, it remained a lone district office until the creation of the Malay Extension Office and subsequently, the Ibaday District Office (Republic Act 11748).

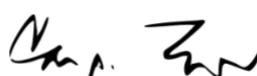
Data indicates that the LTO Kalibo District Office significantly contributed to the P1.6 billion in regional revenues last year, primarily from the Motor Vehicle User’s Charge (MVUC) for vehicle registration renewals. However, most of this revenue is earmarked for other development purposes, with less than ten percent potentially available for use by the office.

Despite being a major district office in the Western Visayas Region, the LTO Kalibo has only eight (8) regular personnel to serve over 37,000 licensees. Given the rapid development in Aklan, there is a pressing need to upgrade the office’s status to better meet the needs of its growing clientele. Moreover, an estimated additional P5 Million in revenues can initially be derived from this upgrade. This will further help enhance the operational performance in both the Province and the Region.

Upgrading the LTO Kalibo District Office to a ‘Class C’ office would not only enhance service quality for driver’s license holders and increase revenue collection but also significantly improve road safety and transportation efficiency in the region. With more resources and better infrastructure, the LTO Kalibo District Office can implement more stringent vehicle inspections, more comprehensive driver education programs, and more effective enforcement of traffic laws.

Recognizing the role of the LTO in the Province, we deem it fit to upgrade its classification into ‘Class C’ office. Its upgrade is consistent with the policy embodied in LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200 (Guidelines in the Creation of LTO District Offices, Conversion of Extension Offices into District Offices/ Upgrading of District Offices, Classification Licensing Extension Offices into Licensing Centers) on effectivity, efficiency, and economy.

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


ENGR. CARLITO “Lito” S. MARQUEZ

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, FROM CLASS “D” TO CLASS “C”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality
2 of Kalibo, Province of Aklan is hereby upgraded from a ‘Class D’ to a ‘Class C’ district
3 office.

4 **SEC 2.** The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the
5 Department’s program the upgrading of the LTO District Office in the Municipality of
6 Kalibo, Province of Aklan, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current
7 year’s appropriation of the existing LTO District Office the Municipality of Kalibo,
8 Province of Aklan. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operations
9 of the upgraded Kalibo LTO District office shall be included in the annual General
10 Appropriations Act.

11 **SEC 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
12 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

13 *Approved,*