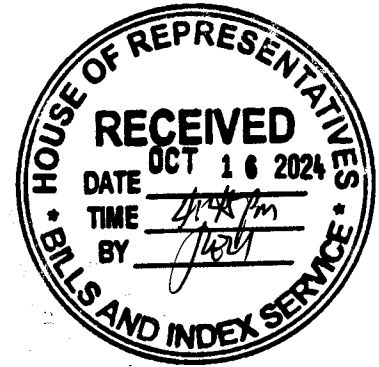




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HOUSE BILL NO. 10991



Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Caraga situated in the First District of Davao Oriental. The LTO plays a crucial role in regulating and enforcing transportation-related laws, including vehicle registration, issuance of driver's licenses, and promoting road safety. However, the residents in the municipalities of Baganga, Boston, Caraga, Cateel, Manay, and Tarragona located in the First District of Davao Oriental face significant challenges in accessing these essential services due to the absence of an LTO office in their locality. Currently, they are forced to travel long distances to reach the nearest LTO office in Mati City, resulting in additional transportation costs and time away from work or other important activities. This situation creates an undue burden, particularly on economically disadvantaged sectors, and hampers the efficient delivery of transportation-related services.

To address these challenges, this bill seeks to establish a District Office of the LTO in the municipality of Caraga to serve the entire First Congressional District of Davao Oriental. By doing so, it will bring essential LTO services closer to the people, providing easier access to vehicle registration, driver's licensing, and traffic regulation enforcement. Additionally, it will help decongest existing LTO offices in neighboring regions, improving service efficiency. The establishment of these district offices will also enhance road safety by facilitating more timely vehicle inspections and license renewals, ensuring greater compliance with traffic regulations. Moreover, the presence of LTO office will support local development, as improved access to transportation services is vital for the economy, particularly in terms of trade, tourism, and mobility.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
(LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARAGA, DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), a District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Caraga, Davao Oriental.

SEC. 2. The LTO district office shall cater to the First District of Davao Oriental comprised of the municipalities of Baganga, Boston, Caraga, Cateel, Manay, and Tarragona.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DOTr shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTO District Office in the municipality of Caraga, Davao Oriental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOTr shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,