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Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL No. 2052



Introduced by: **HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Baybay is a rapidly growing urban center in the province of Leyte. Located on the west coast of the province, it serves as an integral link between key cities within the island and its neighboring province, Southern Leyte. Baybay City is the second-largest city in the province in terms of land area and is comprised of 92 barangays that are a mix of urban and rural communities. As of 2021, the city recorded a population of 125,347 individuals, 33,788 families, and 297,035 domestic tourists as of 2023.

At present, there is only one existing LTFRB office in the Province of Leyte, situated in the Municipality of Palo, more than eighty (80) kilometers away from Baybay City. This distance poses logistical and financial challenges for both operators and commuters who wish to avail themselves of the services of the LTFRB.

The establishment of an LTFRB office in the City of Baybay will make it more accessible for residents and land transport operators to secure permits, franchises, and other services. In addition, this will also improve the agency's regulatory oversight, further ensuring compliance and safety standards. Moreover, another local office will decongest the workload of the existing office, streamlining processes that boost transport, trade, and economic activities in a rapidly growing city.

Given the city's strategic role as a transportation and economic hub, this initiative seeks to accommodate the growing population, vehicle ownership, and transportation demands to ensure accessible and efficient service delivery for all stakeholders.

This measure was previously filed in the 19th Congress by the undersigned and was referred to the House Committee on Transportation on 01-28-2025.

Given the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD IN BAYBAY
CITY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an extension office under the supervision of the Regional Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Region VIII in Baybay City, Province of Leyte.

SECTION 2. The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Regional Office, in coordination with the City Government of Baybay and the Provincial Government of Leyte, is hereby authorized to assist in the establishment and maintenance of such facilities and equipment as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Act. For this purpose, the Regional Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Region VIII shall formulate such operating guidelines as shall be recommended by the Department of Transportation for the proper implementation of the prescribed rules and regulations governing proceedings with any aspect involving public land transportation services in the Province of Leyte.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Transportation shall include in the Department's program the funding requirements for the establishment and operationalization of the extension office of the Regional Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Office in the Province of Leyte.

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

APPROVED,