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House Bill No. 2357

Introduced by Representative Nelson S. Legacion
3rd Congressional District, Camarines Sur

The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) plays a crucial role in regulating public land transportation, ensuring safe, reliable, and accessible services for commuters. However, the vast geographical expanse of the Philippines often creates a significant disconnect between LTFRB's regulatory services and the communities they serve. This challenge is particularly acute for dynamic areas like Naga City and its surrounding localities within Camarines Sur's Third Congressional District.

For residents and public utility vehicle (PUV) operators in this district, accessing the LTFRB Regional Office in Legazpi City, Albay, currently poses a significant and often prohibitive burden. A one-way journey of 95 kilometers or more would now take at least three (3) hours, in light of the increased traffic around certain municipalities between Camarines Sur and Albay. Consequently, a round trip consumes a full day or more, generating substantial time, financial expense, and considerable inconvenience. This burden is frequently compounded by the need for multiple return trips to submit additional documents, follow up on applications, or address unforeseen issues. This geographical and logistical barrier directly contributes to backlogs, hinders effective enforcement, and delays responses to critical local transport issues, directly impacting the livelihoods of operators and drivers, and diminishing the quality and reliability of commuter services in the district.

This proposed measure directly addresses these systemic challenges by establishing an LTFRB satellite office in Naga City, Camarines Sur. This dedicated

office will bring essential LTFRB services directly to the people of the Third Congressional District. It aims to enhance accessibility, eliminating the need for arduous, multi-trip long-distance travel, and improve service delivery through expedited local processing; strengthen enforcement and monitoring via a local presence; foster closer coordination with local government units (LGUs) and transport stakeholders for responsive regulation; and provide economic benefits by streamlining processes vital to the district's transport sector.

The immediate passage of this bill is crucial to decentralize vital government services, promote good governance, and fully realize the LTFRB's mandate for safe, efficient, and accessible public transportation for the constituents of Camarines Sur's Third Congressional District.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB)
IN NAGA CITY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of the LTFRB - Naga City Satellite Office.* There is hereby established a satellite office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in Naga City, Province of Camarines Sur. This office shall be known as the LTFRB - Naga City Satellite Office and shall exercise jurisdiction over Naga City and its surrounding municipalities within the Fifth Congressional District of Camarines Sur. It shall be headed by a City Director and shall be physically located within Naga City, Province of Camarines Sur.

SECTION 2. *Functions.* The LTFRB - Naga City Satellite Office shall perform functions as delegated by the LTFRB Central Office and its Regional Office, including but not limited to:

- (a) Receiving and processing applications for franchises, permits, and other regulatory documents for public utility vehicles;

- (b) Issuing, renewing, and cancelling franchises and permits in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations;
- (c) Investigating and resolving complaints filed against public transport operators and drivers;
- (d) Conducting inspections and enforcing compliance with LTFRB rules and regulations;
- (e) Providing localized information and assistance regarding LTFRB programs and policies;
- (f) Coordinating with local government units and transport stakeholders within its jurisdiction; and
- (g) Performing such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandate of the LTFRB.

SECTION 3. *Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.* Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the LTFRB, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the appropriate organizational structure and staffing pattern for the LTFRB - Naga City Satellite Office. The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the LTFRB for final approval.

SECTION 4. *Funding.* The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTFRB - Naga City Satellite Office. The amount necessary for its initial implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act for the ensuing fiscal year following the approval of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation, maintenance, and expansion shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,