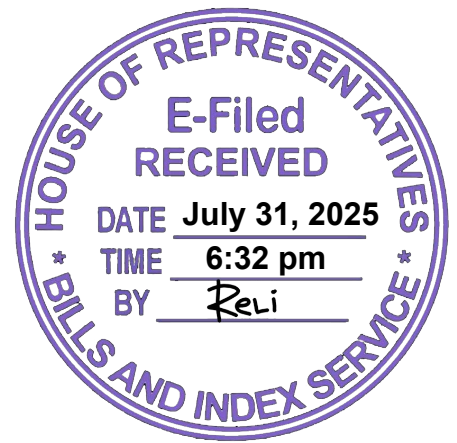


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2863**



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Province of Camarines Sur is composed of five congressional districts, encompassing a total of 35 municipalities and two component cities. The City of Iriga, one of the two cities in the province, is situated in the fifth district, along with six municipalities, and accounts for almost 25% of the district's population. It is renowned as the center of trade, education, and commerce in Rinconada and its neighboring areas in the Bicol region.

Given its strategic location, the city hosts various government offices to make public services accessible to the people. The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Iriga District Office, for instance, serves the entire district, which has a population of 499,713 based on the 2020 Census of the Philippine Statistics Authority. For the past five years, an increasing number of motor vehicle registrants and driver's license applicants has been observed in the area, with an average annual revenue collection of P46,069,336.77 and approximately 65,253 transactions per year. The city also experiences its fair share of traffic and other road issues, underscoring the need for a well-equipped LTO district office in the area for better road supervision, program implementation, and service delivery.

LTO Iriga District Office is currently classified as a Class "D" district office, providing licensing, registration, adjudication, and law enforcement services to the public. Despite the wide scope of its service area, it operates with only eight plantilla positions. To respond to this concern, this bill seeks to upgrade the classification of the LTO Iriga District Office from Class "D" to Class "B," in accordance with the guidelines set by the LTO under Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200.<sup>1</sup>

Through this measure, twelve additional plantilla positions will be created, augmenting the current personnel complement. This is a significant step toward ensuring that the constituents of Rinconada and residents from nearby municipalities are afforded faster transaction processing and more efficient LTO services.

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

  
**MIGUEL LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE**

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<sup>1</sup> Land Transportation Office. (2020, July 21). *Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200: Guidelines in the creation of LTO district offices, conversion of extension offices into district offices, and upgrading of licensing extension offices into licensing centers.* <https://lto.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MC-2020-2200.pdf>

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**AN ACT UPGRADING THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, FROM A CLASS "D" TO A CLASS "B" DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the City of Iriga, Province of Camarines Sur, is hereby upgraded from a Class "D" to a Class "B" district office.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTO Iriga City District Office in the Province of Camarines Sur, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the said office. Thereafter, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,