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HOUSE BILL NO. 4573**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

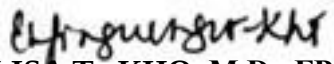
To address the longstanding challenges by transport stakeholders in the Province of Masbate, this bill seeks to serve with ease Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) holders and public utility vehicle operators who currently endure the logistical and financial burden of traveling to the LTFRB Regional Office located in Legazpi City, Albay.

The establishment of an LTFRB district office in the Province of Masbate, will significantly reduce travel-related expenses for transport operators, which in turn may positively influence fare structures and lessen the economic strain on both operators and the commuting public. This decentralization of services will also promote greater regulatory compliance, improve public safety, and enhance the overall efficiency of LTFRB operations in Masbate Province.

This bill presents an important opportunity and offers greater connectivity to surrounding municipalities, a higher concentration of transport stakeholders, and more developed facilities to support LTFRB operations. Locating the district office in Masbate City would maximize service coverage, streamline coordination with local government units, and accelerate the implementation of transport modernization programs across the province.

We earnestly ask for the support of our esteemed colleagues in enacting this essential reform.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND
REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF
MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a district office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in the Province of Masbate.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department of Transportation's programs the establishment, operationalization, and maintenance of the LTFRB district office in the Province of Masbate, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Transportation shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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

Approved,