



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **4630**



Introduced by **HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER SHEEN P. GONZALES**
HONORABLE MARCELINO C. LIBANAN

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN,
PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Guiuan has been classified as a 1st class municipality in the Province of Eastern Samar as of present. This is notably manifesting that Guiuan is on its way to further development. The rapid growth of economic development in the area triggered a drastic increase in the volume of transportation related transactions.

In order to solve the burden and inconvenience of the transacting public in terms of long travels to and from the regular district offices and to bring the services of the LTO closer to the people in all parts of the region, the LTO Regional Management created extension offices.

Per Office Order No. 2021-062 dated March 05, 2020, LTO Guiuan Extension Office was established in the Municipality of Guiuan, Province of Eastern Samar which is under the administrative supervision and control of the LTO Regional Office No. VIII. Despite the presence of the extension office, the limitations in the processes that it is authorized to cater and the limited number of personnel limit the services that the LTO Guiuan Extension Office offers.

Thus, creating a regular district office in the area is in line with the objective of the LTO in minimizing red tape in the Government and in bringing LTO services closer to the clients. It is conforming to the principle of decentralization and devolution of Government functions in order to promote efficiency in the delivery of service.

This is also in consonance to the guiding principle the LTO provided in its Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2200, to wit:

"B. Scale of Operation

*The number of offices to be established for each province shall be proportionate to its corresponding volume of transactions **taking into account the geographical location of far flung areas** where LTO services are necessary."*

(Emphasis Supplied)

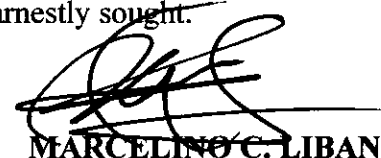
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



CHRISTOPHER SHEEN P. GONZALES

Representative

Lone District of Eastern Samar



MARCELINO C. LIBANAN

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Minority Leader



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

SECTION 1. The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office in the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar is hereby converted into a regular LTO District Office.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the above-mentioned regular LTO District Office in the Lone District of Eastern Samar, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Extension Office located in Guiuan, Eastern Samar. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the said regular LTO district office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3 The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall issue such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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,