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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Sogod Extension Office has demonstrated exceptional fiscal performance and operational efficiency and now serves a rapidly growing demand for LTO services in the Second Legislative District of Southern Leyte and adjacent areas.

Over the last three (3) years, the office posted an average annual revenue of Twenty-Five Million One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred One Pesos and 99/100 (P25,107,701.99), and maintained a strong revenue-to-expense ratio of 3.24:1. It has likewise been conferred regional awards for excellence in service delivery. Its strategic location between the Maasin District Office and the San Juan District Office positions it as an ideal service hub that reduces citizen travel time and decongests neighboring district offices.

In line with the revised parameters for the classification and reclassification of LTO District Offices under Memorandum Circular No. VDM-2024-2693 of the LTO, the Sogod Extension Office meets the criteria for upgrading to a Class "D" District Office. The upgrade will institutionalize manpower augmentation, expand service capacity, and sustain upward revenue performance projected for 2025–2029. The measure enjoys support from local government units and community stakeholders across the service area.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) SOGOD EXTENSION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, INTO A CLASS “D” LTO DISTRICT OFFICE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO SOGOD DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Conversion into a Class “D” District Office. — The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Sogod Extension Office located in the Municipality of Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte, is hereby converted into a regular Class “D” LTO District Office, to be known as the LTO Sogod District Office.

SECTION 2. Jurisdiction and Service Coverage. — The LTO Sogod District Office shall primarily serve the Second Legislative District of Southern Leyte and adjacent areas, without prejudice to the authority of the LTO to rationalize service coverage to ensure efficient, accessible, and responsive service delivery.

SECTION 3. Funding. — The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the LTO Sogod District Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the existing Sogod Extension Office. Thereafter, the funding shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Staffing and Organizational Structure. — The LTO, subject to existing civil service laws, rules, and regulations, shall create and fill the

appropriate plantilla positions and provide the organizational structure consistent with the standards for a regular Class “D” LTO District Office under applicable LTO and DOTr issuances. Qualified and willing personnel of the existing Sogod Extension Office shall be given preference, without prejudice to merit and fitness.

SECTION 5. Site, Facilities, and Equipment. — The DOTr, through the LTO, shall identify and develop a suitable permanent site for the LTO Sogod District Office and provide the necessary office space, information and communications technology systems, equipment, and other logistics to ensure full and efficient operations. Existing assets of the Sogod Extension Office shall be transferred to and form part of the assets of the LTO Sogod District Office.

SECTION 6. Standards Compliance. — The LTO Sogod District Office shall meet and maintain the minimum operational, fiscal, and service-delivery standards for regular Class “D” district offices pursuant to LTO classification and reclassification parameters, including Memorandum Circular No. VDM-2024-2693 and successor issuances.

SECTION 7. Coordination with Local Government Units and Stakeholders. — The DOTr and LTO shall coordinate with concerned local government units and stakeholders to facilitate site development, public access, traffic management, and the efficient roll-out of services.

SECTION 8. Implementing Authority. — The DOTr and LTO shall issue the necessary orders, circulars, and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,