

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8931



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan and
Hon Iris Marie D. Montes

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TAGKAWAYAN IN PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) serves as a primary frontline agency of the government that is tasked with the registration of motor vehicles, issuance of driver's licenses, and the enforcement of land transportation laws and regulations. To effectively perform these mandates, it is essential that LTO offices are strategically located and adequately equipped to meet the growing demands of the public.

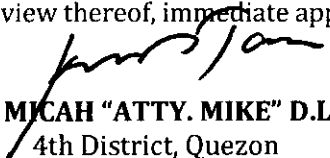
Currently, the Municipality of Tagkawayan in the Province of Quezon is served by an LTO Extension Office. While this office has been instrumental in providing services to the local population, the increasing volume of transactions and the geographical challenges faced by constituents necessitate its conversion into a Regular District Office. The Tagkawayan office is significantly distant from the nearest alternatives, located approximately 77.2 kilometers from the Gumaca District Office and 100 kilometers from the Catanaun Extension Office.

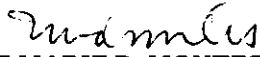
The proposed LTO Tagkawayan District Office will manage a Geographical Area of Responsibility (GAOR) covering the municipalities of Tagkawayan, Guinayangan, and Calauag. Collectively, these municipalities represent a substantial service area with a population of over 169,000 as of 2024 and more than 110,000 registered voters as of May 2022. Data from 2024 and 2025 further demonstrate a high and consistent demand for services.

Furthermore, the office has demonstrated operational viability through significant enforcement activity, with apprehension cases peaking at 1,711 in 2024. By converting the Tagkawayan Extension Office into a Regular District Office, the LTO can ensure the permanence of its operations and provide the necessary Personnel Services (PS) and Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) to sustain its growth.¹

This proposed legislative measure is a vital step toward bringing government services closer to the people of the 4th District of Quezon, reducing travel time and costs for motorists, and promoting administrative efficiency.

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


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8981

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN IN PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Tagkawayan, Quezon is hereby converted into a Regular LTO District Office to be known as the LTO Tagkawayan District Office, in the Province of Quezon.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of a Regular LTO District Office in the Municipality of Tagkawayan, Quezon.

The initial funding for the conversion shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Tagkawayan LTO Extension Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the office, including but not limited to Personnel Services (PS) and Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTr shall issue such rules, regulations, and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,