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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8982



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

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, INTO A REGULAR
LTO DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) serves as a frontline agency responsible for the registration of motor vehicles, the issuance of driver's licenses and permits, and the enforcement of land transportation laws and regulations. Efficient access to these services is essential for the economic mobility and safety of the Filipino people, particularly in island communities where travel is inherently difficult.

Currently, the LTO Alabat Extension Office in the Province of Quezon serves the three municipalities of Alabat Island: Alabat, Perez, and Quezon. While these are categorized as 5th class municipalities, they represent a combined population of approximately 44,665 residents and over 32,000 registered voters. The office saw a 35% increase in overall transactions in 2025 compared to the previous year, highlighting a clear and rising need for its services within the community. Motor vehicle registrations specifically have shown a steady upward trend, increasing from 1,457 in 2022 to 2,352 in 2025.¹

The geographical isolation of Alabat Island presents a unique and substantial challenge for its residents in accessing government services. Traveling to the nearest alternative LTO offices, such as the Gumaca District Office or the Lucena District Office, requires a combination of land travel and sea transit via passenger boats or sea crafts. Reaching the nearest alternative office in Gumaca, for instance, involves a transit distance of 23.1 kilometers from the Atimonan pier after crossing the sea.

The conversion of the Alabat Extension Office into a Regular LTO District Office is a necessity to ensure administrative and financial stability for the region. As a regular district office, it will be entitled to a permanent and dedicated budgetary allocation for Personnel Services (PS) and Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) through the annual General Appropriations Act, rather than relying on the appropriations of an extension office. This bill seeks to bring the government closer to the people of Alabat Island, promoting the ease of doing business and enhancing the safety of the motoring public.

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


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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 Alabat, Quezon.

The initial funding for the conversion shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Alabat 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,