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House Bill No. **9701**



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE NIKO RAUL S.J. DAZA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) performs a vital public service in the regulation of land transportation, including the registration of motor vehicles, issuance and renewal of driver's licenses, enforcement of land transportation laws, and the promotion of road safety. For many residents in rural and geographically dispersed areas, however, access to these services remains difficult due to distance, travel costs, and the time required to reach existing LTO offices.

The Municipality of Allen, Northern Samar serves as a strategic gateway to the Province of Northern Samar and the rest of Eastern Visayas. As a major transport point and entryway for motorists, commuters, public utility vehicles, cargo, and inter-island travel, Allen plays a significant role in the movement of people and goods within the region. Its location makes it an appropriate and practical site for an LTO Extension Office that can serve not only its own residents, but also those from neighboring municipalities.

At present, residents of Allen and nearby local government units must travel to other areas to avail themselves of basic LTO services. This imposes added financial and logistical burdens, particularly on workers, public utility drivers, small business owners, senior citizens, and ordinary vehicle owners who rely on efficient access to government services. The absence of a nearby LTO office may also discourage timely compliance with vehicle registration, license renewal, and other regulatory requirements.

The establishment of an LTO Extension Office in the Municipality of Allen will bring essential government services closer to the people. It will provide a more convenient, accessible, and streamlined avenue for the processing of LTO-related transactions, reduce travel time and expenses, and improve public compliance with land transportation laws and regulations. It will likewise support road safety, efficient public service delivery, and the broader development needs of the municipality and its neighboring communities.

This bill therefore seeks to establish an LTO Extension Office in the Municipality of Allen, Province of Northern Samar, under the supervision of the Department of Transportation, with funding to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALLEN, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of LTO Allen District Office.* – There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), an extension office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) located in the Municipality of Allen, Province of Northern Samar, to be known as LTO Allen District Office.

SECTION 2. *Rationale for Establishment* - The LTO Extension Office in the Municipality of Allen, Northern Samar shall provide the residents of the aforementioned municipality and neighboring Local Government Units with a convenient and streamlined avenue to access the services of the LTO.

SECTION 3. *Organizational Structure.* Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the LTO-Allen.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Transportation shall, upon the effectivity of this Act, immediately include the operationalization of the LTO Extension Office in the Municipality of Allen, Province of Northern Samar in the Department's program. The funding requirements for such purpose shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.