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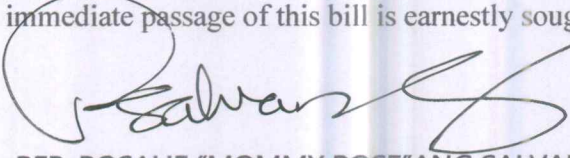
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) plays a crucial role in regulating public utility vehicles, ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable transportation services for the Filipino people. However, access to LTFRB services remain a significant challenge for residents of Northern Palawan, particularly those in the First Congressional District.

At present, the nearest LTFRB office is located in Puerto Princesa City, approximately 200 kilometers away from the Municipality of Taytay. This distance imposes undue hardship on transport operators, drivers, and commuters from Northern Palawan who must travel long hours, spend considerable financial resources, and sacrifice valuable time just to process application, renew permits, or lodge complaints. Such burdens not only discourage compliance with LTFRB regulations but also hinder the efficient delivery of public transport services in the region.

The establishment of a satellite LTFRB office in Taytay, Palawan, will directly address these difficulties. By bringing LTFRB services closer to the people, the proposed measure will enhance accessibility as constituents from Northern Palawan will no longer need to travel to Puerto Princesa for basic regulatory transactions. It will also promote efficiency with faster processing of franchises, permits, and complaints. With coordinated efforts with local government units and transport stakeholders, it will strengthen infrastructure and mobility in Northern Palawan. Transport operators and drivers will likewise save on travel expenses, allowing them to allocate resources toward improving their services.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) IN
TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of the LTFRB. There is hereby established a satellite office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in the Municipality of Taytay, Province of Palawan. This office shall be known as the LTFRB – Taytay Satellite Office and shall exercise jurisdiction over Taytay and its surrounding municipalities within the First Congressional District of Palawan. It shall be headed by a Municipal Director and shall be physically located within Taytay, Province of Palawan.

SECTION 2. Functions. – Taytay Satellite Office shall perform functions as delegated by the LTFRB Central Office and its Regional Office, including but not limited to:

- (a) Receiving and processing applications for franchises, permits, and other regulatory documents for public utility vehicles;
- (b) Issuing, renewing, and cancelling franchises and permits in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations;
- (c) Investigating and resolving complaints filed against public transport operators and drivers;
- (d) Conducting inspections and enforcing compliance with LTFRB rules and regulations;
- (e) Providing localized information and assistance regarding LTFRB programs and policies;

- (f) Coordinating with local government units and transport stakeholders within its jurisdiction; and
- (g) Performing such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandate of the LTFRB.

SECTION 3. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the LTFRB, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the appropriate organizational structure and staffing pattern for the LTFRB - Taytay Satellite Office. The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the LTFRB for final approval.

SECTION 4. Funding. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTFRB - Taytay Satellite Office. The amount necessary for its initial implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act for the ensuing fiscal year following the approval of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation, maintenance, and expansion shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,