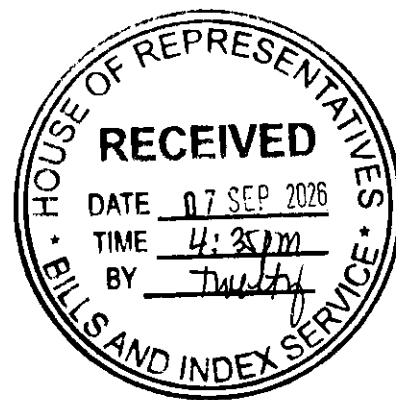




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TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 11179

Introduced by **HON. JEFFERSON F. KHONGHUN**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
EXTENSION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLEJOS, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBALES, INTO A CLASS "B" DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE
LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF CASTILLEJOS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Castillejos is one of the major growth centers in the Province of Zambales and serves as a strategic gateway to the Subic Bay Freeport Zone and neighboring municipalities. With the rapid increase in population, motor vehicle ownership, commercial activities, and transport-related transactions, there is a compelling need to upgrade the existing LTO Extension Office into a regular Class B District Office.

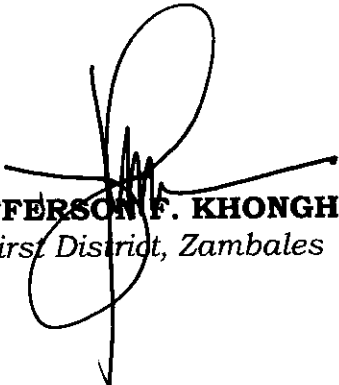
The LTO Castillejos Extension Office, established in January 2024 under the administrative supervision of the LTO Olongapo District Office, has significantly improved public access to government services.

The proposed conversion will:

- (a) Bring complete LTO services closer to residents of Castillejos and nearby municipalities;
- (b) Reduce travel time and transportation costs for the public; Decongest the workload of the LTO Olongapo District Office;
- (c) Improve efficiency in motor vehicle registration, licensing, and law enforcement services;
- (d) Support economic development, tourism, logistics, and investment in the Subic-Zambales growth corridor.

The proposal is consistent with previous laws enacted by Congress converting LTO Extension Offices into Class B District Offices, including those for Polomolok and Pinamalayan.

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



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “LTO District Office of Castillejos Act.”

SECTION 2. Conversion. – The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office located in the Municipality of Castillejos, Province of Zambales, is hereby converted into a Class “B” LTO District Office, to be known as the LTO District Office of Castillejos.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions. – The LTO District Office of Castillejos shall exercise all powers and perform all functions vested upon regular LTO District Offices, including but not limited to:

- (a) Motor Vehicle Registration;
- (b) Driver’s License Issuance and Renewal;
- (c) Student Permit Processing;
- (d) Conduct of Motor Vehicle Inspection;
- (e) Adjudication and Enforcement Functions;
- (f) Collection of Fees and Charges;
- (g) Other services authorized by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Office.

SECTION 4. Operationalization. – The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the operationalization of the LTO District Office of Castillejos.

The initial funding shall be charged against the current appropriations of the existing LTO Castillejos Extension Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, through the Assistant Secretary of the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,