

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Seventeenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4765

Introduced by **Representative Frederick F. Abueg**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This House Bill was previously filed in the Sixteenth Congress as House Bill No. 5447. It was first read on February 23, 2015 and was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

This proposed measure seeks to create a Land Transportation Office (LTO) extension office in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan. The LTO Extension Office in Brooke's Point shall be under the supervision of the LTO Palawan District Office. Brooke's Point is located approximately 215 kilometers south of Puerto Princesa City. It requires around four to five hours (4-5 hours) of travel by land. Its neighboring municipalities are Rizal, Bataraza, and Balabac.

At present, there is only one LTO Office in the entire province of Palawan which is located in Puerto Princesa City. In 2011, the LTO Palawan District Office has exceeded its collection target by 7.73 percent (7.73 %). This amounted to approximately Fifty-four Million Pesos from registration, licensing and law enforcement fees.

According to the LTO Management Information Division (MID)-Statistics Section, the number of newly issued licenses in Palawan reached 20,800 in 2012 while it totaled to 25, 423 in 2013. The continued increase in the number of issuances of driver's license and vehicle registrations in the province presents a notable challenge to the lone LTO office. Likewise, the heavy workload denotes a slower performance of needed services to the public.


Moreover, considering the long distance that needs to be traveled by the Palawenos in order to secure a driver's license and have their vehicles registered is not a walk in the park. Most of the applicants come from municipalities situated far from

the city. For instance, the distance between Balabac, the farthest municipality in Southern Palawan, and Puerto Princesa City is approximately 357.2 kilometers which requires approximately 12 hours of non-stop travel.

There is a huge necessity to create an LTO extension office in the municipality of Brooke's Point for the better performance and delivery of much needed LTO services to the public. It would lessen the burden of the current LTO District Office and at the same time help the Palaweños through an easier access to a viable means of securing land transport permits and licenses.

In order to bring LTO services closer to the Palaweños and ensure a more efficient and effective delivery of the same, the establishment of an LTO extension office in the municipality of Brooke's point is recommended.

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



FREDERICK F. ABUEG
Deputy Speaker

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND
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BROOKE'S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Land
2 Transportation Office (LTO) Palawan District Office, an Extension Office of the LTO
3 in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall
5 immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the LTO
6 Extension Office in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan, the
7 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Chairperson of the LTO shall issue such rules and
9 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

10 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

11 Approved,