This bill seeks to establish a district branch of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the 1st District of Camarines Norte, specifically in the municipality of Labo which borders all the rest of the municipalities in the 1st District, specifically Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Paracale and Santa Elena.

Labo is the biggest municipality in Camarines Norte in terms of its area with ever growing population and a high concentration of private industries which makes it a perfect site for a district office of LTO. Also, Labo is in the very center of Camarines Norte such that constituents of the municipalities in the 1st District do not have to travel long distance in going to the municipality of Daet just to transact and avail the services of the Land Transportation Office.

Establishment of a district office of LTO in Labo will also unburden the current load of the LTO Office in Daet. This will also be a form of democratization of government service through further decentralization of national government offices to the grassroots level.

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

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a district branch of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) which shall be located in the Municipality of Labo, and which shall serve the First District of Camarines Norte comprised of the municipalities of Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Paracale, and Santa Elena.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the LTO district branch in the Municipality of Labo, Province of Camarines Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of Transportation shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.