EXPLANATORY NOTE

This House Bill seeks to convert the Mabalacat City extension office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) located in Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga into a regular LTO District Office.

The Mabalacat City LTO extension office has been operational since January 1991. It is currently leasing a space at the Marina Arcade in Dau, Mabalacat City for its operation. The said office is serving the growing clientele under its Geographical Area of Responsibility (GAOR) which includes Mabalacat City, Clark Special Economic Zone, some barangays in Angeles City, Magalang, Porac, and Mexico in the Province of Pampanga, and Bamban in the Province of Tarlac. In 2018, the Mabalacat City LTO extension office processed 57,622 motor vehicle registration applications and issued 29,247 driver’s licenses and student permits. The extension office is currently manned by ten (10) personnel, five (5) of them being LTO organic employees and five (5) being job order employees.

In as much as the Mabalacat City LTO extension office would like to provide a more efficient registration system of motor vehicles and licensing of operators and drivers in Mabalacat City, the goal is made improbable by its limited personnel, facilities, and equipment.

With the conversion of the Mabalacat City LTO extension office into a regular LTO District Office, corresponding funding will be allocated to support a sufficient number of plantilla positions and additional facilities and equipment to complement the expansion of its services. This will shorten the processing time of the applications for registration of vehicles, operators, and drivers in Mabalacat City, and will eventually decongest the volume of the daily transactions of the said office.

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

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABALACAT CITY EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Mabalacat City Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) located in Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga is hereby converted into a regular LTO District Office and thereafter referred to as the Mabalacat City LTO District Office.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Mabalacat City LTO District Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the existing LTO extension office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Mabalacat City LTO District Office shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,