COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 611

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation and Appropriations on

Re: House Bill No. 5680

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Transportation and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 5680, introduced by Rep. Greg G. Gasataya, entitled:

"AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE REGION VI OF BACOLOD CITY INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL LICENSING CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

have considered the same and recommend its approval with the following amendments:

1. Under Section 2, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof, substitute the following:


2. On the title of the measure, between the words “OFFICE” and “BACOLOD”, delete the phrase “REGION VI OF” and in lieu thereof insert the phrase “(LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN”

3. On the title of the measure, delete the words “AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

with Reps. Greg G. Gasataya, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento and Eric Go Yap as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Appropriations

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the rising economy in the Western Visayas region particularly in the metropolitan Bacolod area, motor vehicle use has been on an upward trend, evident in the growing volume of traffic especially in major thoroughfares. Transport network vehicle systems (TNVS) have also become popular among citizens that it is now a major contributor in motor vehicle and user volume. Due to the aforementioned rise, transactions for services provided by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in relation to motor vehicle registration and issuance of driver’s licenses have similarly increased.

The LTO Licensing Center in Bacolod City has been a major provider of highly qualified drivers for quite a long time in the City of Bacolod and from the province of Negros Occidental as it caters to 561,875 citizens from the city and 2,497,261 from the province. (PSA census, 2015). Despite the whopping population, the current workforce of the licensing center consists of only nine (9) regular personnel transferred from other district offices and four (4) job order assistants with no employee-employer relationship with the organization. Since 2013, the small office has catered to 82,165 license transactions with an average rate of increase in transactions of 12.36%. Furthermore, the said office has collected a total of 32,929,441.65 in revenue since its establishment, with an average rate of increase of 15.58%.

While the licensing center has shown remarkable achievements in the sustained growth in revenue collections and volume of transactions, the fact is that the current workforce find themselves flooded by applications from their large constituency resulting in transactions that could be more efficient through an increase in personnel, improvement of facilities, and greater operational budget.

As such, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

REP. GREG G. GASATAYA
Lone District of Bacolod City
Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 5690

INTRODUCED BY Rep. GREG G. GASATAYA

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE REGION VI OF BACOLOD CITY
INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
LICENSING CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Conversion into a Regular Licensing Center. — The Land Transportation Office
(LTO) Licensing Center in Bacolod City is hereby converted into a Regular Licensing Center to be
known as the Negros Occidental Licensing Center.

SECTION 2. Appropriations. — The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the
Department’s programs the operationalization of the Bacolod City Licensing Center, the initial funding of
which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the LTO Region VI of Bacolod City.
Thereafter, such sums may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in
the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3 Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,