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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5911**



Introduced by REP. GLONA G. LABADLABAD
2nd District, Zamboanga del Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to convert Sindangan Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office located at the Municipality of Sindangan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte into a regular LTO District Office.

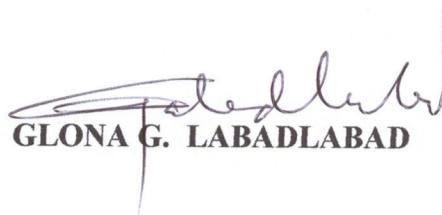
Sindangan Extension Office is situated in Sindangan, the biggest and most populous Municipality in Zamboanga del Norte and in the entire Region IX, with a total population of 103,952 based on the 2020 Census. After several years of operation, its volume of transactions has considerably increased way beyond of its functions and capability as a satellite office.

From January to October 2022, the office registered a total of 10,385 vehicles. It had issued 12,035 new driver's licenses, 19,857 driver's license renewals and 10,980 student permits. The average daily customer ranges from 450-500 clients. It caters not only to motorists in Sindangan but also in nearby municipalities of the 2nd and 3rd Districts of Zamboanga del Norte.

The nearest LTO District Office in Dipolog City is also burdened by voluminous transactions relative to vehicle registration, issuance of driver's license and other mandated functions.

As a District Office, it would be able to have its own plantilla and permanent employees and updated equipment to respond to the growing demands of the transacting public. Currently, there are only two (2) regular employees and two (2) Job Order Personnel who run the office on a daily basis. This has become relatively inadequate to meet the vision of the LTO in showcasing fast and efficient public service for a progressive land transport sector.

For the above reasons, urgent approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SINDANGAN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office in Sindangan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby converted into a regular LTO district office.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the abovementioned regular LTO district office in the Second District of Zamboanga del Norte, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Extension Office located in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the said regular LTO district office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,