SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE) REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)

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s. No. 1645

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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO BATANGAS CITY LICENSING CENTER OF BATANGAS CITY, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Explanatory Note

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Batangas Licensing Center in the City of Batangas is the lone licensing center in the Province of Batangas. The office serves the constituents of the Province's thirty one (31) municipalities and three (3) cities. It also caters to driver's license applicants from the nearby island provinces of Occidental and Oriental Mindoro.

The performance record of the Batangas Licensing Center since it was established in 1985 showed remarkable growth in terms of revenue collections and volume of transactions, ranking second among the four (4) licensing centers in the Region in the last five (5) years with a total revenue collection of P122,214,879.

The current work force of the LTO Batangas Licensing Center is composed of nine (9) Organic Personnel which were pulled out from various District Offices and seven (7) Job Order Personnel with no employee-employer relationship.

The proposed conversion of the LTO Batangas Licensing Center into a Regular Licensing Center is sought so it can be provided its own budget under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for its capital outlay, and maintenance and other operating expenses. This would definitely enhance and strengthen the performance of the office through the creation of 35 regular plantilla positions which in effect would regularize employment status of existing personnel and will redound to a much better public service.

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

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

SECTION 1. The Land Transportation (LTO) Licensing Center in the City of Batangas, Province of Batangas is hereby converted into a Regular Licensing Center to be known as LTO Batangas City Licensing Center.

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SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of Batangas City Licensing Center, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of Batangas City Licensing Center. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,