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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Basic social services are the building blocks for human development, as it is considered a fundamental human right. However, the effective and efficient delivery of these services remains to be a continuing issue in our country.

The 1987 Constitution lays out a specific section on Accountability of Public Officers. It states that public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency. It is of important value that public needs and concerns must at all times be served and addressed.

This bill seeks to provide the people of Mindanao with efficient license approval and renewal services by establishing a Land Transportation Office (LTO) District Branch in the Municipality of Maramag, Province of Bukidnon. The creation of this branch would ease the docket congestion of surrounding LTO Offices and would provide an option for the people of Maramag and surrounding areas who, at present, still have to travel to the nearest LTO office located in Malaybalay, Bukidnon.

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

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

- **Section 1.** Declaration of Policy Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution that the goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth, the State hereby adopts a policy to ensure quality service to the public and that appropriate number of competent human resources may be supplied to answer the call for bringing government services closer to the people. To this end, the State shall ensure the expeditious renewal and application of driver's licenses and car registrations.
- **Sec. 2.** There shall be established a district branch of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to be located in the Municipality of Maramag, located in the  $3^{\rm rd}$  District of Bukidnon.
- **Sec. 3.** The Chairperson of the LTO shall immediately include in the Office's programs the operationalization of the LTO Branch in the Municipality of Maramag. The initial funding for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the appropriations for the Department of Transportation under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the appropriate funding for the operation and maintenance of the foregoing LTO District Branch shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- **Sec. 4.** The Chairperson of the LTO shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
- **Sec. 5. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- **Sec. 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act are hereby deemed accordingly repealed or amended.

 **Sec. 7. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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