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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4597



Introduced by Hon. Julienne "Jam" L. Baronda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to formally convert Iloilo Licensing Center of the Land Transportation Office Region VI in Iloilo City into a Regular Licensing Center.


It is the policy of the State to have an efficient and reliable transportation services as it serves as a vital support system to national development. Having that in mind, it is necessary that we enhance our agencies in order to adapt to the growing complexity of the transportation sector.

In this case, Iloilo Licensing Center has been a major provider of highly qualified drivers for a very long time in the City and Province of Iloilo as it caters to more than 447,992 citizens from the city and a total of 1,347,514 including those from the province (PSA, 2015). The services it provides is evidently manifested in the issuance of drivers' licenses but moreover, it also serves other road users by allowing qualified and safety-oriented drivers in Region VI.

The Iloilo Licensing Center has continually complied with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9485 otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007. It was also certified ISO 9001:2000 with its effective implementation of the Quality Management System for the Driver's Licensing Process. However, due to the absence of plantilla positions for the licensing center, the said ISO certification was discontinued.

The current workforce of LTO Iloilo Licensing Center consists of only 11 regular personnel who were transferred from other district offices to other district offices to the licensing center, assisted by 4 job-order staff with no employer-employee relationship with the organization. In consonance with the President's desire to put an end to contractualization, the conversion of the Iloilo Licensing Center into a Class "A" Licensing Center will consequently create 25 plantilla positions, which would result into an increase in employment, particularly in my Congressional District and ultimately, a more effective public Service in the Region.

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


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

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

Section 1. Conversion into a Regular Licensing Center. – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Licensing Center in Iloilo City is hereby converted into a Regular Licensing Center to be known as the Iloilo City Licensing Center.

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

SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,