COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 880

Submitted by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations on March 18, 2021

Re: House Bill No. 8034

Recommend its approval with amendments

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 8034, introduced by Rep. Francisco B. Benitez, entitled:

"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ENRIQUE B. MAGALONA IN THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend its approval without the following amendments:

1. On Section 1, delete the phrase "Third Legislative District", and in lieu thereof, insert the word "PROVINCE";
2. On Section 2, delete the phrase "Third Legislative District", and in lieu thereof, insert the word "PROVINCE";
3. On the Title, delete the phrase "Third Legislative District", and in lieu thereof, insert the word "PROVINCE",

with Reps. Francisco B. Benitez, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento and Eric Go Yap as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8034

Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ, Ph.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a District Office (DO) of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of Enrique B. Magalona in the Third Legislative District of Negros Occidental. This will bring the services of LTO closer to the people of the Third District and ensure the speedy disposition of applications for driver’s license and vehicle registration, and strict enforcement of land transportation laws.

Economic growth in the Third District has been driving an increase in volume of LTO transactions that overwhelm the LTO Bacolod District Office which currently services applicants from the Third District. It is therefore necessary to create a new DO for the Third District for efficient delivery of LTO services.

There have been discussions to establish an LTO Extension Office (EO) in E. B. Magalona to address the need. In fact, in December 2019, the Municipality of E. B. Magalona donated a parcel of land to LTO for the construction of the Extension Office. The huge demand from the Third District, however, requires the expansion of LTO operations from an EO to a regular DO. Revenues derived from transactions in the Third District will support the operations of the DO.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this 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. There is hereby established a District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to be located in the Municipality of Enrique B. Magalona in the Third Legislative District of Negros Occidental.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the LTO District Office in the Municipality of Enrique B. Magalona in the Third Legislative District of Negros Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,