

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTY-SIX MILLION TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 260, June 14, 1948

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

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of the General Funds, in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be released by the President of the Philippines and subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth, for the purposes mentioned hereunder:

A. MISCELLANEOUS

(a)

For the investigation, survey, construction, reconstruction, repair, improvement, extension, and completion of public works projects, including the purchase of school, hospital and market sites in provinces, chartered cities, and municipalities, upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

P26,000,000.00

(b)

For the operation of a revolving fund in connection with the installation of Pock quarry or quarries, including the rehabilitation of the Los Banos Quarry and Romblon Marble Quarry

1,000,000.00

(c)

For the operation of a revolving and in connection with the operation and Maintenance of the Materials Testing Laboratory which was turned over to the Bureau of Public Works by the U. S. Public Roads Administration in the Philippines

50,000.00

(d)

For the installation of Photolithographic Map Reproduction Plant, Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey

70,000.00

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(e)

For the maintenance, alteration, reconstruction, repair and construction of national public buildings and monuments, including necessary repairs and alterations of private buildings and lots rented by the National Government, and upkeep of adjacent grounds, and of the mausoleum of Filipino heroes and martyrs at the

"Cementerio del Norte" of the City of Manila, in an amount not to exceed P200, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

4,500,000.00

(f)

For the construction, reconstruction, repair and improvement of buildings and other facilities for the Armed Forces of the Philippines, including the acquisition of sites for military areas and the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

2,500,000.00

(g)

For the maintenance, repair, improvement, construction and reconstruction of barracks, schools, dispensaries, hospitals, officers quarters, warehouses, and other facilities for the Philippine Constabulary, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

2,000,000.00

C. HIGHWAYS

(h)

For the survey and construction of national roads, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

2,000,000.00

(i)

For aid for the construction, repair, reconstruction, and improvement of provincial roads and bridges, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

2,000,000.00

D. SANITATION

(j)

For the construction, repair or reconstruction of national, provincial, city and municipal hospitals, dispensaries and maternities, including the purchase of hospital equipment

800,000.00

(k)

For the drilling of artesian and draft-pump wells, reconditioning and/or repair of drilling machines, maintenance of well drilling tools and equipment, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

1,000,000.00

(l)

For aid in the investigation, survey, construction, repair, reconstruction, extension and improvement of water supply systems, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

1,000,000.00

E. FLOOD CONTROL AND DRAINAGE

(m)

For the investigation, survey, construction, reconstruction, repair and improvement of river control and drainage works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

4,000,000.00

(n)

For the improvement of drainage and sanitary condition in the North Harbor, Manila

420,000.00

F. IRRIGATION

(o)

For the investigation, survey, conduction, reconstruction, repair and improvement of irrigation systems, including purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

4,360,000.00

G. INVESTIGATION AND SURVEYS

(p)

For the investigation, survey, construction, repair and completion of sea protection works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

1,000,000.00

(q)

For the investigation, survey and adjudication of water rights, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

25,000.00

(r)

For making hydrographic investigation in connection with the study of water supply, irrigation, water power and river control projects, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

45,000.00

H. AIRFIELDS

(s)

For the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of airfields for commercial aviation

2,000,000.00

Total appropriated from General Funds

P54,770,000.00

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SEC. 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the "Port Works Fund" under Act Numbered Three thousand five hundred and ninety-two, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and thirty, not otherwise appropriated, to be at the disposal of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, and subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth, for the purposes mentioned hereunder:

(a)

For the reconstruction and improvement of national ports and the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

P 700,000.00

(b)

For the reconstruction and improvement of lighthouses and other aids to navigation, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

300,000.00

(c)

For aid in the reconstruction and improvement of municipal ports, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment

225,000.00

(d)

For the investigation and survey of ports and port sites, including the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment

25,000.00

Total appropriated from Port Works Fund

P1,250,000.00

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Grand total appropriated in this Act, Fifty-six Million Twenty thousand Pesos :

P 56,020,000.00

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SEC. 3. All sums appropriated under section one of this Act shall be released only after certification by the Secretary of Finance and the Auditor General to the President of the Philippines that there are sufficient funds derived from current revenues in excess of authorized appropriations for the ordinary operating expenses of the National Government in the Philippine Treasury to warrant such release and that no amount appropriated in this Act shall be set up in the books of the General Auditing Office or otherwise made available for expenditure unless previously authorized by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 4. The President of the Philippines is authorized to suspend or otherwise stop the expenditures of any amount herein appropriated for any purpose, or any portion thereof, whenever in his opinion the public interest so requires, or when funds shall not be available for the Purpose, and thereupon the funds affected by such action

become available for any other public works expenditure authorized herein as the President may determine.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 14, 1948.

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