

AN ACT REMOVING FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN ALL LAND RESERVED FOR A LEPER COLONY AND A GOVERNMENT STOCK FARM BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED THIRTY-FIVE, DATED ...

Act No. 1498, May 29, 1906

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By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. The Island of Culion having been set apart and reserved by Executive Order Numbered Thirty-five, dated the twenty-second of August, nineteen hundred and four, for the purpose of establishing a leper colony and a Government stock farm, the same is hereby removed from the jurisdiction of the provincial government of the Province of Palawan, and shall be under the direction and control of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall have authority to make, promulgate, and enforce such rules and the regulations as may be necessary for the efficient control, protection, and management of the Culion leper colony: Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction of the Court of First Instance for the Province of Palawan.

SEC. 2. The chief of the Culion leper colony division of the Bureau of Health is hereby made ex officio justice of the peace with authority to perform all the duties of a justice of the peace throughout the whole of the Island of Culion. The fees that would accrue to a justice of the peace shall, in all cases where the chief of the Culion leper colony division of the Bureau of Health acts as justice of the peace, be covered into the Insular Treasury.

SEC. 3. All fees, costs, fines, and other moneys received by the chief of the Culion leper colony division of the Bureau of Health in his capacity as justice of the peace, or as notary public, shall be deposited in the Insular Treasury and accounted for as provided by law.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any owner, master, or other person in charge of any vessel, boat, or other water craft to land passengers, discharge cargo, or receive passengers or cargo, or permit s the same to be done at any place on or within the jurisdiction of Culion Island until a permit therefor in writing has been obtained from the chief of the Culion leper colony division of the Bureau of Health; and it shall be unlawful for any person to land on or visit within the jurisdiction of Culion Island without permission from said chief of the Culion leper colony division.

SEC. 5. Any person violating any provision of this Act or any p rule or regulation made in conformity herewith shall, upon conviction, be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than two hundred pesos or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 6. All persons imprisoned under the terms of this Act shall, unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of Public Instruction, be required to serve their sentence in the custody of the chief of the Culion leper colony division of the Bureau of Health.

SEC. 7. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the

enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and six.

Enacted, May 29, 1906.

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