

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS THREE, NINE, AND TWELVE OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE METHODS OF PRODUCTION AND THE QUALITY OF TOBACCO..."

Act No. 3179, November 25, 1924

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Sections three, nine, and twelve of Act Numbered Twenty-six hundred and thirteen, entitled, "An Act to improve the methods of production and the quality of tobacco in the Philippines and to develop the export trade therein," are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to appoint in any tobacco province the necessary inspectors to carry out the purposes of this Act. Said inspectors need not necessarily be residents of the province where they are to serve; but must be graduates of agricultural schools recognized by the Government, preference to be given to eligibles under the Civil Service rules who have specialized in tobacco-growing in an experimental farm or have at least one year's practical experience. In the absence of eligibles under the Civil Service rules, temporary employees may be appointed. Their salaries shall be fixed in their appointments and shall be subject to the Civil Service rules.

Said tobacco inspectors shall receive a per diem not greater than two pesos when they are performing inspections outside of the municipality of their official station, together with actual and necessary traveling expenses."

"SEC. 9. The Collector of Internal Revenue may appoint inspectors of tobacco for the purpose of making the inspections herein required, and may also detail any officer or employee of the Bureau to perform such duty. Said inspectors or employees shall likewise be charged with the duty of grading leaf tobacco and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them in the promotion of the Philippine tobacco industry. The Collector of Internal Revenue shall likewise appoint, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance, agents in the United States for the purpose of promoting the export trade in tobacco with the United States, whose duty it shall be to inspect shipments of tobacco upon or after their arrival in that country when so required, to assist manufacturers of, exporters of, and dealers in tobacco in disseminating information regarding Philippine tobacco and, at the request of the parties, to act as arbitrators between the exporter in the Philippine Islands and the importer in the United States whenever a dispute arises between them as to the quality, sizes, classes, or shapes shipped or received. When acting as arbitrator as aforesaid, the agent shall proceed in accordance with the law governing arbitration and award in the locality where the dispute arises. All agents, inspectors, and employees acting under and by virtue of this Act shall be subject to all penal provisions applicable to internal-revenue officers generally."

"SEC. 12. The inspection fees collected by virtue of the provisions of this Act shall constitute a special fund to be known as the Tobacco Inspection Fund, which shall be expended by the Collector of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance, upon allotment by a board consisting of the Collector of Internal

Revenue, the Director of Agriculture, the Director of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry, two manufacturers designated by the Manila Tobacco Association, and two persons representing the interests of the tobacco producers and growers, appointed by the Governor-General. The Collector of Internal Revenue shall be ex-officio chairman of this board, which shall have a secretary elected by the members thereof and compensated at a rate determined by the board, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance.

"These funds may be expended for any of the following purposes:

"(a) The payment of the expenses incident to the enforcement of this Act including the salaries of the inspectors and agents.

"(b) The payment of expenses incident to the reconditioning and returning to the Philippine Islands of damaged tobacco and the reimbursement of the value of the United States internal-revenue stamps lost thereby.

"(c) The advertising of Philippine tobacco products in the United States and in foreign countries.

"(d) The establishment of tobacco warehouses in the Philippine Islands and in the United States at such points as the trade conditions may demand.

"(e) The payment of bounties to encourage the production of leaf tobacco of high quality.

"(f) The promotion and defense of the Philippine tobacco interests in the United States and in foreign countries.

"(g) The establishment, operation, and maintenance of tobacco experimental farms for the purpose of studying and testing the best methods for the improvement of the leaves: Provided, however, That thirty per centum of the total annual income of the tobacco inspection fund shall be expended for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of said tobacco experimental farms and for the investigation and discovery of efficacious ways and means for the extermination and control of the pests and diseases of tobacco: Provided, further, That in the establishment of experimental farms, preference shall be given to municipalities offering the necessary suitable land for the establishment of an experimental farm.

"(h) The sending of special agents and commissions to study the markets of the United States and foreign countries with regard to the Philippine cigars and their propaganda in said markets.

"(i) The organization of exhibits of cigars and other Philippine tobacco products in the United States and in foreign countries."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, November 25, 1924.

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