

AN ACT TO DECLARE THAT PUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE, KNOWN AS "CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA ACT," ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, BE ...

Commonwealth Act No. 65, October 22, 1936

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WHEREAS, the Seventy-fourth Congress of the United States enacted Public Act Numbered Five hundred and twenty-one, entitled:

"Carriage of Goods by Sea Act";

WHEREAS, the primordial purpose of the said Act is to bring about uniformity in ocean bills of lading and to give effect to the Brussels Treaty, signed by the United States with other powers;

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States has left it to the Philippine Government to decide whether or not the said Act shall apply to carriage of goods by sea in foreign trade to and from Philippine ports;

WHEREAS, the said Act of Congress contains advanced legislation, which is in consonance with modern maritime rules and the practices of the great shipping countries of the world;

WHEREAS, shipping companies, shippers, and marine insurance companies, and various chambers of commerce, which are directly affected by such legislation, have expressed their desire that said Congressional Act be made applicable and extended to the Philippines; therefore,

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. That the provisions of Public Act Numbered Five hundred and twenty-one of the Seventy-fourth Congress of the United States, approved on April sixteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, be accepted, as it is hereby accepted to be made applicable to all contracts for the carriage of goods by sea to and from Philippine ports in foreign trade: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as repealing any existing provision of the Code of Commerce which is now in force, or as limiting its application.

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

Approved, October 22, 1936.

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