

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-TWO, ENTITLED "A GENERAL ACT FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS," BY IMPOSING A TAX UPON SLEDGES, AND MA...

Act No. 774, May 27, 1903

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (j) of section forty-three of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "A general Act for the organization of municipal governments in the Philippine Islands," shall be amended to read as follows:

"(j) An annual tax, hereby imposed for the purpose of protecting the roads of the municipality and the province from destruction, of three dollars, Mexican, upon each draft cart the wheels of which have tires less than two and one-half inches in width, and an annual tax of two dollars, Mexican, upon each cart the wheels of which are rigid with the axle to which they are attached, and an annual tax of five dollars, Mexican, upon each cart having both such tires and axles, and an annual tax of three dollars, Mexican, upon each sledge with runners less than two and one-half inches in width, all to be collected by the provincial treasurer in the usual manner. One-half the proceeds of such taxes shall be paid into the municipal treasury and one-half shall be paid into the provincial treasury.

"The use of carts with wheels having tires less than two and one-half inches in width and with wheels rigid with the axles, and all sledges upon improved or well-constructed public roads in the Philippine Islands, is hereby prohibited after December first, nineteen hundred and three.

"It shall be the duty of the provincial board of each province in which well-constructed or improved public roads exist to designate by public notice, which shall be posted at the door of the municipal building or presidencia of every municipality or township in the province, the roads on which it shall be unlawful to use narrow-wheeled carts, carts the axles of which are rigid with the wheels, or sledges. Any person violating the provisions of this paragraph by using a cart or sledge of the prohibited type after December first, nineteen hundred and three, upon a road which has been designated as an improved or well-constructed public road by the provincial board of any province shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, Mexican, for each offense."

SEC. 2. 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. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, May 27, 1903.

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