

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD THEREIN CREATED TO RECOGNIZE LICENSES ISSUED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND TO GRANT LICENSES ...

Act No. 1025, December 16, 1903

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

SECTION 1. Section four of Act Numbered Seven hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act providing for the examination and licensing of applicants for the positions of master, mate, patron, and engineer of seagoing vessels in the Philippine coastwise trade, and prescribing the number of engineers to be employed by such vessels," is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following:

"Provided, That should any applicant for license as master, mate, patron, or engineer produce, a properly authenticated license issued to him by the duly constituted authorities in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish regime, or such other evidence of competency as may be satisfactory to the Board, and shall have been engaged in the coastwise trade in the waters of the Philippine Islands in the position for which he seeks a license for at least two years, such written examination shall not be required, and license shall be issued thereon, provided he is shown to be physically sound and of good moral character and within the requirements of section seven of this Act."

SEC. 2. Upon the expiration of the license authorized to be issued by said Act Numbered Seven hundred and eighty, the said Board is further authorized and empowered to renew such license from year to year upon due application being made as prescribed in said Act, but each renewal shall be operative for only one year. In case of renewal of license the written examination required by section three of said Act shall not be had, but the applicant for renewal shall only be required to submit to an examination, if deemed necessary by the Board, to test his physical soundness, but the Board is authorized to refuse any application for renewal upon satisfactory evidence of misconduct, intemperate habits, incapacity or inattention to duty on the part of the licensee, and also to revoke any such renewal license, when granted, for the same reasons, or any of them.

SEC. 3. 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. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 16, 1903.

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