

## **AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE INSULAR PURCHASING AGENT, BY PROVIDING A UNIFORM ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF TEN PER CENTUM UPON T...**

*Act No. 231, September 20, 1901*

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

SECTION 1. Section six of Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six, creating the office of Insular Purchasing Agent and defining his duties, is hereby amended by striking out the last five lines thereof, commencing with the word "payment" and ending with the word "appropriations," and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Payment of all articles and supplies so furnished shall be made to the Purchasing Agent at the actual cost thereof in the city of Manila, including freight and all other expenses incident to the delivery in the warehouse of the Purchasing Agent at Manila, and ten per centum additional upon such cost for freight, storage, bookkeeping, breakage, and other proper charges, by the Department, Bureau, or Office, or provincial or city government receiving the same, from its available appropriations."

Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six is further amended by adding thereto the following sections:

"SEC. 12. Nothing in this Act shall hereafter be construed to require that purchase of material, supplies, and other things needed for the use of any provincial government shall be made through the Insular Purchasing Agent, if such articles are in the province and can be purchased by the supervisor at prices deemed by the provincial board to be reasonable.

"SEC. 13. In cases of emergency or where the public interest shall require, the Civil Governor shall have power to authorize the head of any Department or Bureau, or any provincial government, to make purchases directly and not through the Insular Purchasing Agent, the provisions of this law to the contrary notwithstanding. In cases where the Civil Governor exercises the power herein conferred he shall make provision, in the order conferring the authority, for such limitations upon the: method of purchase as shall secure the lowest prices consistent with the emergency presented and the conditions of the market.

"SEC. 14. In cases in which municipalities are desirous of purchasing supplies through the Insular Purchasing Agent, the Governor may require such Agent by order to buy and furnish the needed supplies upon proper provision being made for the payment out of the municipal treasury."

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, September 20, 1901.

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