

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5524, June 21, 1969]

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE SUGAR QUOTA ADMINISTRATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Creation of A Sugar Quota, Administration Fund.*—To enable the Sugar Quota Administration to pursue and accomplish its objectives more effectively, there is hereby created the Sugar Quota Administration Special Fund, to be referred to hereinafter as the Fund, which shall be utilized exclusively for the operational expenses of the Sugar Quota Administration.

SEC. 2. *Sources of the Fund.*—The said Fund shall consist of:

(a) All the proceeds of the fees collected under Act Numbered Forty-one hundred sixty-six, otherwise known as the "Sugar Limitation Law", and Executive Order Numbered Two hundred thirty-eight, dated December 14, 1939; and

(b) All the proceeds of the special milling fee of ten centavos which is hereby imposed, commencing with the crop year 1969-1970, upon every picul of sugar milled in all sugar centrals and covered by quedan-permit or warehouse receipt.

SEC. 3. *Manner and time of payment.*—The special milling fee shall be paid by the sugar cane planter and the sugar central concerned in the same proportion as their respective shares of the sugar milled; and said fee shall constitute a lien upon the sugar quedan or warehouse receipt until the same is paid.

It shall be the duty of the sugar central to collect the fee herein imposed and to remit, not later than fifteen days after the end of every month, the collection for the preceding month to the Treasurer of the Philippines who shall receive it for safekeeping: *Provided*, That the provisions of any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, the release of any and all amounts from the Fund is declared ministerial upon the order and/or authorization of the Sugar Quota Administration.

SEC. 4. *Administration of the Fund.*—The operational expenses for the Sugar Quota Administration for the period from July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970 shall be disbursed from the corresponding appropriation of said Administration as provided for in the Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1969-1970: *Provided, however*, That thereafter, no money shall be paid out of the Fund except for the operational expenses of the Sugar Quota Administration and pursuant to an Appropriation Act. The Executive Department in submitting the requests for appropriation out of the Fund shall take into account the provisions of Commonwealth Act Numbered Two hundred and forty-