

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2233, June 11, 1959]

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE, ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (g) of section two, Article one of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred and thirty-five, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(g) To supervise and control the classification and grading of leaf tobacco in the packing establishments of wholesale tobacco dealers, exporters, large plantation owners, and auction floors; and"

SEC. 2. Paragraphs (b), (h) and (k) of section three, Article two of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred and thirty-five, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) To establish, maintain and/or subsidize a chemical tobacco research laboratory for industrialization studies on processing, fermentation and aging to produce a quality leaf for the factories and to establish and maintain and/or subsidize pilot plants for industrial studies in the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes, pipe and chewing tobacco to reduce the cost of production and develop new blends. This phase of the work shall be coordinated with, and under the supervision of, the National Science Development Board.

"(h) To buy, process, and age, and sell all tobacco leaves, as well as stabilize and guarantee prices of just cured tobacco leaves, based on grades, and to promulgate such rules and regulations governing seed selection, pest control, culture, irrigation and the marketing of native tobacco **leaf**.

"(k) To encourage, foster and promote the establishment and maintenance by farmers' cooperative associations of factories for the manufacture of cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and other finished tobacco products, and to establish and maintain for this purpose a pilot factory in the area for such manufacture, and to act as agent, broker or commission merchant of producers' cooperative association or act as tobacco manufacturers' agent;"

SEC. 3. Section four, Article three of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred and thirty-five, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Composition and Appointment*.—The powers of the PTA shall be vested in, and exercised by, a Board of Directors consisting of seven members to be appointed