

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1899, June 22, 1957]

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RECLAMATION OF FORESHORE
LANDS BY CHARTERED CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.**

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

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby granted to all municipalities and chartered cities to undertake and carry out at their own expense the reclamation by dredging, filing, or other means, of any foreshore lands bordering them, and to establish, provide, construct, maintain and repair proper and adequate docking and harbor facilities as such municipalities and chartered cities may determine in consultation with the Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Public Works and Communication.

SEC. 2. Any and all lands reclaimed, as herein provide, shall be the property of respective municipalities or chartered cities: *Provided, however,* That the new foreshore along the reclaimed areas shall continue to be the property of the National Government.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of this reclamation, and of the construction, maintenance and repair of such wharves, piers, docking, and other harbor facilities as may be provided in accordance with section one hereof, the municipalities an chartered cities are hereby authorize to indebtedness with any person, associations, corporation, or lending institution. Upon proper application, likewise issue bonds in such amounts and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Secretary of Finance. Such bonds shall be guaranteed by the Government of the Philippines and their issue, servicing and liquidation shall be undertaken by the Central Bank of the Philippines.

SEC. 4. All lands reclaimed as herein provided, except such as may be necessary for wharves, piers and embankments, roads, parks, and other public improvements, may be sold or leased under such rules and regulations as such municipalities or chartered city may prescribe. All proceeds derived from such sale or lease, and all berthing and other fees and such other earnings as the municipalities or chartered city shall derive from the use of the port, facilities and improvements contemplated under this Act, shall be credited to a special fund which shall accrue in any balance thereof in excess of periodic sinking fund requirements shall be liable for other permanent public improvements of the municipality or chartered city.

SEC. 5. Upon application by the municipality or chartered city to issue bonds, the Secretary of Finance shall determine the borrowing and paying capacity of the applicant, the amount of the issue that may be authorized, and in consultation with the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of the Philippines, the form, rate of interest, and redemption of said bonds. In the redemption of these bonds the Secretary of Finance may apply the lottery principle by which bonds, drawn by lot maybe