

[ Act No. 3388, December 03, 1927 ]

**AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY- NINE AND EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN, KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SETTING ASIDE COMMUNAL PASTURES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:*

SECTION 1. Section eighteen hundred and thirty-nine of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Administrative Code, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1839. *Establishment of communal forests and pastures.*—The Director of Forestry, with the approval of the Department Head, may set aside, as communal forest or communal pasture, for the particular use of the inhabitants of any municipality or municipal district, one or more tracts of public land, more suitable for forest uses than for agriculture. Such assignment shall be preferably made from land in the province of the community to be served; but if there be no such land conveniently situated for the use of such community, a communal forest or a communal pasture may be assigned for its use in a neighboring province. If the public interests so require, the Director of Forestry may, with like approval, change the location or boundaries of a communal forest or a communal pasture, or dis-establish it altogether. A communal forest or a communal pasture, once established for such communal use, shall not be entered, sold or leased."

SEC. 2. Section eighteen hundred and forty-one of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Administrative Code, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1841. *Administration of communal forest and pasture.*—Communal forests and communal pastures shall be administered by the Director of Forestry, subject to the approval of the Department Head, in such a way as to insure to the people having rights therein a continued supply of forest products necessary for their home use and sufficient pasture for their animals, and to this end the Director of Forestry may prescribe the species and sizes of trees that may be cut, the manner of removal of such trees or other forest products, stone, or earth, and the conditions under which pastures may be occupied. Subject to like approval, exploitation of a communal forest for revenue shall be allowed by the Director of Forestry, under a special license, only when the best interest of the forest requires cutting in excess of local needs."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, December 3, 1927.

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