[Acts No. 4151, November 28, 1934]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL SERVICE, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR, 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. Except as otherwise provided herein and subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, all citizens of the United States who are officers or employees of the Philippine Government in the classified or the unclassified service of the insular, the provincial or the city governments of the Philippine Islands or the Metropolitan Water District or the University of the Philippines serving on a full-time basis on the date when this Act becomes a law, shall be entitled to retire as provided herein and shall, upon their retirement from such service, receive for each year of service and the proportionate amount of any fraction thereof a gratuity at the following rates: seven per centum of the highest annual salary, excluding bonuses, allowances, and the like if the period of service is one year or more, but less than five years; eight per centum if the service is five years or more but less than ten years; nine per centum if the service is ten years or more but less than fifteen years; ten per centum if the service is fifteen years or more but less than twenty years; eleven per centum if the service is twenty years or more, the said gratuity to be paid in quarterly installments at the rate of thirty-three and one-third per centum of the quarterly salary of the officer or employee, by Government warrant or other means which will guaranty safe delivery with no reduction for exchange or transmitting same: Provided, however, That in no case will the gratuity exceed forty-five thousand pesos: Provided, further, That with the approval of the Head of the Department in which such officer or employee was serving upon separation or retirement, the said officer or employee may, subject to such rules and regulations as may be approved by the Secretary of Finance, sell, transfer or cede his right to the gratuity payments, to any investment fund under the control of the Insular Government, or to any bank duly authorized to transact business in the Philippine Islands: Provided, also, That in case of officers or employees who, at the time of their retirement, are in the service of a provincial or city government, or the Metropolitan Water District, or the University of the Philippines, the Insular Government shall be reimbursed by the province, city, the Metropolitan Water District or the University of the Philippines, for the sum disbursed by it for the gratuities paid corresponding to said persons and such incidental expenses as may be incurred, within thirty days after payment of said expenses by the Insular Government out of any receipts of the province or city concerned, or of the Metropolitan Water District, or of the University of the Philippines; that in case the provincial board or city council, or Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District or Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines shall fail to make such reimbursements, the Collector of Internal Revenue or the treasurer of the province or city concerned, or treasurer of the Metropolitan Water District, or treasurer of the University of the Philippines are hereby authorized and directed, any provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, to withhold from the revenues of the said province, city, Metropolitan Water District or University of the Philippines, that may come in their possession an amount sufficient to make the reimbursement or any other reimbursements above provided, and shall deposit said