

[ Act No. 3897, November 16, 1931 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX, AND TO INSERT A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO AND THREE-FOURTHS.**

*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 eleven hundred and eighty-nine of the Administrative Code, as amended by Act Numbered Thirty-four hundred and twenty-six, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1189. *Examination into moral and technical qualifications of applicants.*—Except as otherwise specially provided, an applicant for a marine certificate shall be required to undergo a technical examination on the subjects hereinafter stated. To obtain a certificate he must show a proficiency in the subjects upon which he is examined and shall answer correctly at least seventy-five per cent of the questions propounded to him. It shall be the duty of the Board of Marine Examiners to make a thorough inquiry into the character of the applicant and to consider the evidence he presents in support of his application and such other relevant evidence as the Board shall deem proper. In this connection the Board may consider the statement, written or oral, of any person cognizant of the qualifications of the applicant, and may, in its discretion, require the production of the ships journals and logbooks for inspection.

"The Board of Examiners for deck officers in examining an applicant for a certificate as master or mate shall inquire into his character and habits, his knowledge of seamanship and navigation in its various branches, his capacity and skill in the loading and unloading of ships, and in handling and stowing freight, and all other knowledge which the Boards believe he should possess in order to properly perform his duties as master or mate.

"An applicant for the certificate as patron in the major coastwise trade shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he possesses the knowledge necessary for navigating in all the Philippine seas.

"An applicant for certificate as patron in the limited coastwise trade shall be required to show to the Board that he possesses practical knowledge for navigating on the limited waters for which he requests a certificate.

"An applicant for admission to the examination as patron bays, lakes, and river shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he possesses the knowledge necessary for navigating in the harbor, bay, lake, and river for which he seeks a certificate.

"The Board of Examiners for engineer officers in examining an applicant for a certificate as marine engineer shall inquire into his theoretical and