

[Act No. 3888, November 16, 1931]

AN ACT TO AMEND PARAGRAPH (E) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE AND PARAGRAPH (D) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN, KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS AMENDED BY SECTIONS FIVE AND SIX, RESPECTIVELY, OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX.

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. Paragraph (e) of section eleven hundred and ninety-one of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Administrative Code, as amended by section five of Act Numbered Thirty-four hundred and twenty-six, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"(e) Patron: In order to be admitted to examination for patron in the major coastwise trade, the applicant shall be at least twenty-five years of age and shall produce to the Board a certificate, satisfactory to it, showing that he has passed 'the intermediate school or its equivalent in an officially recognized school and that he has navigated in the major coastwise trade as boatswain, quartermaster, sailor, or apprentice mate on a seagoing vessel navigating in the Philippine coastwise trade of not less than two hundred fifty tons gross for a period of at least five years, or that he has navigated as patron or mate in the coastwise trade with a certificate of minor patron for at least three years.

"An applicant for admission to the examination for patron in the minor coastwise trade shall be not less than twenty-three years of age and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has passed the intermediate school or its equivalent in an officially recognized school and that he has navigated on a coastwise or a high-sea vessel of thirty gross tons or over for a period of not less than five years as boatswain or quartermaster or sailor.

"An applicant for admission to the examination as patron for harbor, bay, lake, or river shall be at least twenty-three years of age, must know how to read and write English, Spanish or any native dialect, and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has navigated on board of a vessel or launch of three gross tons or over for a period of not less than five years as quartermaster or sailor: *Provided*, That persons who, before the approval of this Act, have served for a total period of not less than four years as patrons on steam or motor vessels of three gross tons or over plying in a harbor, bay, lake, or river without the proper patron's certificate, and who can read and write English, Spanish or any native dialect, may upon producing a certificate or certificates to that effect signed by the outfitter or owner or outfitters or owners of such steam or motor vessels and duly acknowledged before a notary public or other persons authorized by law to administer oaths, and