

[Act No. 3576, November 27, 1929]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE, AND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN, KNOWN AS THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 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 five hundred and thirty-eight of Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Revised Administrative Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 538. *Impounding of estrays and stolen cattle.*—All estrays and all animals recovered from thieves or taken by peace officers from persons unlawfully or reasonably suspected of being unlawfully in the possession of the same, shall be delivered to the treasurer of the municipality where found, and it shall thereupon become the duty of such treasurer properly to care for and maintain such animals and to post for at least ten consecutive days at the door of the municipal building in the municipality holding the animals and to forward immediately to the recorder of the provincial board, written notice in Spanish and in the local dialects of the finding of such estrays or of the seizure or taking of the animals delivered to the municipal treasurer, together with the class, sex, age, brands, knots or radiated hair commonly known as vemolinos or cowlicks, and other marks of identification of the estrays or of the animals seized or taken from persons not entitled to the possession hereof, and notifying owner of such animals to present themselves within twenty days after date to the municipality and establish the thereto. It shall be the duty of the provincial secretary to send copies of the notice published by in all the barrios of their respective municipalities once a week during said period of twenty days."

SEC. 2. Section five hundred thirty-nine of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Revised Administrative Code, is hereby amended to read as follow:

"SEC. 539. *Restoration to owner.*—In case owners of animals taken as estrays or seized as above set out present themselves within the time limited in the notice and prove title thereto, it shall be the duty of the municipal treasurer cause delivery of such animal to the lawful owners upon payment of actual expenses of the maintenance and transportation, giving receipt for moneys paid and taking receipts for the animals delivered: *Provided, however,* That owners of stolen animals impounded in the municipal pound shall be exempt from the payment of pound fees."

SEC. 3. Section five hundred and forty of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Revised Administrative Code, is hereby amended to read as follows: