

[Act No. 3179, November 25, 1924]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS THREE, NINE, AND TWELVE OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE METHODS OF PRODUCTION AND THE QUALITY OF TOBACCO IN THE PHILIPPINES AND TO DEVELOP THE EXPORT TRADE THEREIN," 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. Sections three, nine, and twelve of Act Numbered Twenty-six hundred and thirteen, entitled, "An Act to improve the methods of production and the quality of tobacco in the Philippines and to develop the export trade therein," are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to appoint in any tobacco province the necessary inspectors to carry out the purposes of this Act. Said inspectors need not necessarily be residents of the province where they are to serve; but must be graduates of agricultural schools recognized by the Government, preference to be given to eligibles under the Civil Service rules who have specialized in tobacco-growing in an experimental farm or have at least one year's practical experience. In the absence of eligibles under the Civil Service rules, temporary employees may be appointed. Their salaries shall be fixed in their appointments and shall be subject to the Civil Service rules.

Said tobacco inspectors shall receive a per diem not greater than two pesos when they are performing inspections outside of the municipality of their official station, together with actual and necessary traveling expenses."

"SEC. 9. The Collector of Internal Revenue may appoint inspectors of tobacco for the purpose of making the inspections herein required, and may also detail any officer or employee of the Bureau to perform such duty. Said inspectors or employees shall likewise be charged with the duty of grading leaf tobacco and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them in the promotion of the Philippine tobacco industry. The Collector of Internal Revenue shall likewise appoint, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance, agents in the United States for the purpose of promoting the export trade in tobacco with the United States, whose duty it shall be to inspect shipments of tobacco upon or after their arrival in that country when so required, to assist manufacturers of, exporters of, and dealers in tobacco in disseminating information regarding Philippine tobacco and, at the request of the parties, to act as arbitrators between the exporter in the Philippine Islands and the importer in the United States whenever a dispute arises between them as to the quality, sizes, classes, or shapes shipped or received. When acting as arbitrator as aforesaid, the agent shall proceed in accordance with the law governing arbitration and award in