

[Act No. 3105, March 17, 1923]

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTING; CREATING A BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY; PROVIDING FOR EXAMINATION, FOR THE GRANTING OF CERTIFICATES AND THE REGISTRATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS; FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATES 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. Any citizen of the Philippine Islands or of the United States, having a place for the regular transaction of business as a professional accountant in the Philippine Islands, and who, as in this Act required, shall have received from the Board of Accountancy hereinafter created, a certificate of his qualifications to practice as a public accountant, shall have the authority to style himself and to be known as a Certified Public Accountant, and to use the abbreviated title C. P. A. for and during the term mentioned in his certificate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce and Communications shall within thirty days after the taking effect of this Act", appoint three persons who are citizens of the Philippine Islands or of the United States, who shall constitute the Board of Accountancy. At least two members of the Board shall have been engaged in the reputable practice as public accountant for a continuous period of three years immediately preceding the passage of this Act. in the Philippine Islands. The persons first appointed shall hold office for one, two, and three years, respectively; thereafter appointees shall serve for three years. Interim vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Commerce and Communications may remove any member of the Board of Accountancy for continued neglect of duty or incompetency or for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

SEC. 4. The Board of Accountancy, the majority of which shall in all cases have the powers of the board, is vested with authority, conformably with the provisions of this Act, to issue and to suspend temporarily or revoke the validity of certificates of registration for Certified Public Accountants. The board shall study the conditions affecting the practice of public accounting in all parts of the Philippine Islands and shall exercise the powers herein conferred upon it with a view to the maintenance of efficient ethical and technical standards in the public accounting profession. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications, it shall determine the qualifications of persons applying for certificates under this Act, and shall make rules for the examination of same, which shall embody the following:

- ' (a) Examination shall be held by the board at least once in each year, at such times and places as may be determined by them. The time and place of holding such examinations shall be advertised for not less than three consecutive days, not less than thirty days prior to the date of

such examination, in at least two daily newspapers printed and published in the Philippines. The examinations shall be "theory of accounts," "practical accounting," "auditing," and "commercial law" as affecting accountancy.

(b) Applicants for certificates, before taking the examination must produce evidence satisfactory to the board that they are over twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, a graduate of a high school with a four years course, or have an equivalent education, or pass an especial examination held by the board for that purpose and that they have had at least three years' practical experience as professional public accountants, or three years of study in accounting and commercial subjects in a college or university whose course of study has been approved by the Government.

SEC. 5. All candidates for examination provided for in this Act obtaining a general average rating of seventy-five per cent or over shall be entitled to registration as certified public accountants and as such receive a certificate of registration from the board.

SEC. 6. In the event the board shall renounce the examination of any person as in this Act provided, the name of such person shall likewise be registered and the certificate issued upon payment of the prescribed fees.

SEC. 7. All applications must be filed with the Board of Accountancy and accompanied by the following fees:

For examination or for renunciation of same as provided in Section six..
P50.00

For registration and issuance of certificate
..... 10.00

Provided, however, That in the event any candidate fails to pass the required examination, he shall be entitled to take a second examination, within one year after the date of the examination at which he fails to pass, without paying a second fee. All fees collected by the board under this Act shall accrue to the Insular Treasury.

SEC. 8. Each member of the Board shall receive from the Insular funds as compensation the sum of ten pesos for each application for examination or renunciation accepted by the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive from Insular funds in addition to his allowance as member of the Board a compensation at the rate of two hundred forty pesos per year, one-half of which amount shall be paid on the thirtieth of June and one-half on the thirty-first of December of each year.

SEC. 9. The board shall annually elect from its members a president, and a secretary-treasurer, and all certificates required to be executed for and on behalf of the board shall be certified by the signature of the president and attested by the