

[Act No. 2864, March 14, 1919]

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING IN
CERTAIN DETAILS THE SERVICE OF THE BUREAU OF SUPPLY,
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 two thousand and forty-one of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2041. *Functions of Bureau of Supply.*—It shall be the function of the Bureau of Supply to procure and furnish supplies to the various Offices, officials, and branches of the Government and to other persons entitled to make purchases through said Bureau, the same being required for official or other lawful use; and in the absence of special provision, all purchases of supplies for the use of the various Departments, Bureaus, and Offices of the Insular Government or for the use of a chartered city or of any province or municipality shall be made exclusively through this Bureau.

"The Secretary of Commerce and Communications may also, in his discretion, authorized the performance of the same service for the authorities of the United States in the Philippine Islands or for other persons therein."

SEC. 2. Section two thousand and forty-three of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2043. *Authorization of purchase in other mode than through Bureau of Supply.*—Purchases which, under section two thousand and forty-one hereof, are required to be made through the Bureau of Supply may be effected through other channel when the public interest so requires and the Secretary of Commerce and Communications shall so order.

"In cases where the Secretary of Commerce and Communications exercises the power herein conferred he shall, if practicable, make provision, in the order conferring the authority, for such restrictions upon the method or methods of purchase as will secure the articles in question at the lowest prices consistent with the emergency presented and the conditions of the market, and shall require the branch of the Government making such purchase to file the proper requisition with the Bureau of Supply, the same as in other cases."

SEC. 3. Section two thousand and fifty-one of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2051. *Charges for supplies.*—For services rendered and supplies furnished, the Bureau of Supply shall charge the cost thereof plus a