

[Act No. 2860, March 12, 1919]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS FOUR. TEN. AND TWENTY-ONE OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MANNER OF SECURING PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS OR DISCOVERIES, 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 four of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to establish the manner of securing patents for inventions or discoveries, and for other purposes," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. If the manufacture of the patented articles takes place in the Philippines, there shall be no tax paid on the patents protecting the invention or discovery.

"If the manufacture of the patented articles takes place entirely or largely in a foreign country or countries, there shall be paid upon the patents protecting the invention or discovery twenty pesos on the date of the issue of the same and, besides, a tax of twenty pesos per annum during the entire life of the patent, in addition to the fees established in section twenty-one.

"The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to public officers and employees desiring to register a patent for an invention for the use of the Government, in which case the inventor shall state in his application that the Government of the Philippine Islands or any of its officers or employees may use said patent in the execution of work of the Government without any payment to the inventor, which condition shall be set forth on the letters patent."

SEC. 2. Section ten of said Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. Any person claiming to have made a new discovery or invention may make an application, which must be in accordance with the requirements established by regulations issued in the premises by the Secretary of Commerce and Communications. The application shall be accompanied by a model or copy of the discovery or invention. In case the application is in accordance with the requisites and conditions established by this Act and the regulations herein before mentioned, it shall be published in two consecutive issues of the Official Gazette and, also, in two of the newspapers most widely read in the Islands, one published in Spanish and the other in English, for a period of six consecutive days. Together with the application there shall be published a notice to all persons having any objection to the application filed, inviting them to file at the Patent Office, within the inextensible period of thirty days from and after the date of the last publication, a written objection specifying clearly and in detail the reasons on which their