

[Act No. 2757, February 23, 1918]

AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE PUBLICATION OF LIBELS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS OR OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PRESENT WAR.

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. It shall be unlawful to print, publish or circulate articles, manuscripts, engravings, or caricatures directly or indirectly creating sentiments favorable to the cause of the nations with which the United States is at war, or redounding to the contempt or dishonor of the Government of the Philippine Islands or of the United States, or tending to create obstacles for said governments in the successful prosecution of the present war in favor of the United States.

SEC. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed two thousand pesos or by imprisonment for not less than one year, or both. In case the offender is a subject of a neutral foreign nation, the Governor-General may, besides, order him deported after service by the accused of the penalty imposed upon him.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its approval and shall continue in force until the sixteenth day of October next following the date on which the President of the United States shall proclaim that peace has been reestablished between the United States and Germany and her allies.

Approved, February 23, 1918.



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