

[Act No. 2704, March 10, 1917]

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.**

*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. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury from the sale of bonds for public works or permanent improvements, and in default thereof, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for public works and permanent improvements as mentioned hereunder, and for other purposes of the Insular Government.

PUBLIC WORKS.

- (a) For the construction, improvement, and, where necessary, for the maintenance of roads and bridges in such provinces as shall accept the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two, or which by a resolution of the provincial board shall guarantee by continuing annual appropriations the establishment of such a system of maintenance as may be necessary in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, on all first-class roads at present constructed or which in future may be constructed, and are so declared by the Director of Public Works, including the construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and bridges in the provinces of Mindoro, Palawan and Batanes organized under the Special Provincial Government Act, to be apportioned in proportion to the number of cedula issued in each province in the year 1916
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| | P1,000,000.00 |
| | 1,500,000.00 |
- (b) For the construction, improvement, and, where necessary, the maintenance of roads and bridges in the provinces accepting the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two, and that by resolution of the provincial board

shall guarantee by continuing annual appropriation the establishment of such a system of maintenance as may be necessary in the judgment of the Director of Public Works on all first-class roads now constructed or which may be constructed in the future and declared as such by the Director of Public Works and in the provinces of Mindoro, Palawan and Batanes, organized under the Special Provincial Government Act, to be apportioned in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications.
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- (c) For the construction, improvement and, where necessary, for the maintenance of inter-provincial roads and bridges, including roads and bridges connecting one coast with another on the same province, between the provinces accepting the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two, and that by resolutions of the provincial boards concerned shall guarantee by continuing annual appropriations the establishment of such a system of maintenance as may be necessary in the judgment of the Director of Public Works on all first-class roads now constructed or which may be constructed in the future and declared as such by the Director of Public Works, to be apportioned in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications
. . . .

500,000.00

Provided, That the appropriations made by paragraphs (a), (6) and (c) may be made available with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications, for the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads and bridges in harmony with the general plan of communications and to cooperate with the Government railroads wherever there are such: *Provided, further*, That in provinces where communication is principally by sea, the funds allotted to

the same under this Act may be expended for the acquisition and maintenance of steamers or launches when expressly authorized by the Secretary of the Interior.

- (d) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement, investigations, and surveys of ports, wharves, piers, retaining walls, jetties, dams and dredgings in the different districts of the Archipelago, including the purchase of necessary equipment, the continuation of wharves and other improvements projected by former laws, construction and maintenance of roads across Insular lands adjacent to wharves and of roads leading to such lands, to be apportioned in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications and including also the construction of sheds for the storage of goods on Insular Government wharves
- P500,000.00

Provided, That subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications and with such security as the same may require, material derived from dredging may be used for filling in private property at the request of any landowner, upon the condition that the cost thereof shall be paid by the owner of the land in annual payments not to extend over more than five years.

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| (e) | For the drilling of artesian wells including the purchase of necessary equipment; for the study and construction of municipal systems of waterworks and for the investigation, construction, reconstruction, and extension of baths and other sanitary improvements for the development and exploitation of properly tested and approved mineral springs in places of public resort, whenever the provinces or municipalities concerned including those organized under the Special Provincial | P550,000.00 |
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Government Act shall adopt resolutions for the appropriation of funds covering the cost of one-third part of the work, to be apportioned in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce and Communications : *Provided*, That the funds appropriated by provinces or municipalities to cover the cost of one third part of the work shall be covered into the Insular Treasury when the Director of Public Works shall have fixed the amount thereof: *Provided, further*, That any municipality or province which by virtue of the provisions of this Act shall incur the expense of an artesian well resulting in a failure shall have the amounts expended returned to it

(f) For the expenses in the investigation of applications for irrigation or water rights and river control investigations submitted to the Irrigation Council....	30,000.00
(g) For the reconstruction and improvement of public buildings	60,000.00
(h) For the continuation of the permanent improvements on the grounds and building of the Iloilo custom-house	33,000.00
Total for the Bureau of Public Works.....	4,173,000.00

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

(i) For the construction of central, intermediate, and agricultural school buildings in municipalities organized under Act Numbered Eighty-two in provinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, to be distributed in the discretion of the Secretary of Public Instruction	250,000.00
	15,000.00