

[Act No. 2587., February 04, 1916]

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE LICENSING OF OPERATORS, AND TO REQUIRE ALL VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS TO CARRY LIGHTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," BY FIXING AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. Section three of Act Numbered Twenty-one hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators, and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights, and for other purposes," as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-six, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Every person who owns or possesses a motor vehicle shall within thirty days from the time of acquiring said vehicle and thereafter not later than the thirty-first day of January of each year file in the office of the Director of Public Works or in the office of the district engineer for each motor vehicle owned or possessed by him a statement of his name; place of residence and address; the number and date of his cedula and the place where same was issued; a brief description of each such motor vehicle including the name, style or type and seating or carrying capacity thereof; the name or title of the makers, the number, if any, stamped upon or affixed by the makers to the same; the number of wheels; the character of the motive power; and the amount thereof stated in figures of horsepower, such horsepower in case of internal combustion engines to be determined by the formula $D^2N/2.5$ D being the diameter of the cylinder in inches and N the number of cylinders, and in the case of steam and electric motor vehicles the amount of such horsepower to be taken as rated and advertised by the maker thereof; the weight of the motor vehicle; the name of the person from whom the machine was acquired; and such other information as the Director of Public Works may require. Such statement shall be regarded as an application for the official registration of such motor vehicle. Every application for a motor vehicle, or motor truck, used for carrying or hauling freight, merchandise or agricultural produce shall state the weight of the vehicle unloaded, and loaded, the diameter of the wheels, and the width and material of the tires.

"Every person acquiring a motor vehicle not registered under the provisions of this Act after the same is effective shall file a like statement within thirty-six hours after he has taken possession of such motor vehicle, and shall thereafter file a like statement not later than the thirty-first day of January of each succeeding year.

"Any re-registration of motor vehicles not renewed on or before the thirty-first day of January of each year shall become delinquent. The penalty for renewal of a delinquent registration shall be fifteen pesos.

"Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be

punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred pesos."

SEC. 2. Section four of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Each such application, if for one calendar year, shall be accompanied by a registration fee in accordance with the following tariff:

"All motor vehicles, except motorcycles and motor trucks, the sum of twenty centavos per horsepower.

"Motor trucks, including trailers, carrying passengers, merchandise or freight, the sum of fifty pesos for the first one thousand kilos or fractional part thereof of carrying capacity as determined by the Director of Public Works, and four pesos for each additional five hundred kilos, or fraction thereof over two hundred kilos.

"Motor vehicles operated for hire, except motor trucks and motorcycles, thirty pesos in addition to the fee per horsepower.

"Motorcycles of two or three wheels, five pesos each.

"If an application for the registration is made during the period of January first to March thirty-first, inclusive, the annual fee mentioned above in this section shall be paid. If the application is made during the period April first to June thirtieth, inclusive, three-fourths of the annual fee " shall be paid. If the application is made during the period July first to September thirtieth, inclusive, one-half of the annual fee shall be paid. If the registration is made during the period October first to December thirty-first, inclusive, one-fourth of the annual fee shall be paid.

"The postal date of envelopes containing money orders, checks or cash shall be considered as the date of application " in the appliance of the above tariff, except in case of improperly prepared applications when the postal date of the envelope containing the properly prepared application shall be considered as the date of the application.

"Tourists sojourning in the Philippine Islands for a period of two months or less shall be exempt from the pay- -ment of the above stated fees of this section, but if they remain in the Islands for any part of a period from two months to five months, inclusive, they shall be required to pay one quarter of the annual fee; if they remain for any part of a period from six months to eight months, inclusive, they shall be required to pay one-half of the annual fee; if they remain for any part of a period from nine months to eleven months, inclusive, they shall be required to pay three-fourths of the annual fee; if they remain a longer period than eleven months they shall be required to pay the full annual fee. They shall, however, be required to - register their motor vehicles, and shall pay one peso for each certificate, and one peso for each number plate issued, and five pesos for a license if they intend to drive their own cars."

SEC. 3. Section seven of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. The Director of Public Works shall issue, annually, for each motor vehicle having more than three wheels duplicate number plates bearing a distinctive number so that the same will serve to identify the vehicle, and for every other

motor vehicle one such number plate. Said plates shall be of a distinctly different color each year."

SEC. 4. Section ten of said Act as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-six is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. Whenever any motor vehicle is sold or any change in the ownership thereof takes place it is hereby made the duty of the former owner thereof to notify the Director of Public Works within fifteen days from the date of the change of ownership, in writing, of such change, giving the name, residence, and address of such purchaser or new owner, the number of the certificate of registration issued to cover the vehicle, and the number borne on the number plate or plates issued for such vehicle. Such notification shall be accompanied by a fee of one peso and the Director of Public Works shall cause the name, residence and address of such purchaser or new owner to be recorded in the "Motor Vehicle Register" in such a manner that the owner of any motor vehicle may at any time readily be ascertained therefrom. Any statement indorsed on the back of a certificate of registration issued under this Act shall be sufficient evidence, for the purposes of this Act, of the ownership of the purchaser or transferee named in such statement, if the same be signed by the person in whose name the certificate was issued and complies substantially with the following form:

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(Date)

" 'I have this day transferred my ownership of the motor vehicle described on the face hereof to.....
.....,of.....

"'.....'
(Signature)

"Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten pesos."

SEC. 5. Section twelve of said Act, as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-six and Act Numbered Twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. Every dealer in motor vehicles may, instead of registering separately each such vehicle owned by or controlled and used and operated in his business by hire or by his employees or agents, make, before the thirty-first day te of January of each year, application for a general certificate of registration and a general distinguishing number or mark. Such application shall contain whatever information may be required by the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works, if satisfied with the statements in such application, may grant to the applicant one general certificate of registration (in quadruplicate) showing the name, residence, place of business, and address of the applicant, and that the same is a dealer in motor vehicles within the meaning of this Act. Such dealer's certificate shall further show the general distinguishing number or mark assigned, the kind, type, style, or make of motor vehicles manufactured, sold or kept, or handled for sale by him, and such other information as the Director of Public in Works may deem expedient. The

general distinguishing number or mark shall be issued in quadruplicate. All motor vehicles manufactured, owned, controlled, or kept or handled for sale by such applicant shall thereafter be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark, except those for his private use, each of which shall be separately registered under sections one and two of this Act, section five of Act Numbered Twenty-one hundred and fifty-nine as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-three hundred and eighty-nine, and section six of Act Numbered Twenty-one hundred and fifty-nine. The fee for registration of a dealer in motor vehicles shall be twenty pesos: *Provided*, That no dealer shall operate motor vehicles for hire unless the same shall have been registered in accordance with sections one and two of this Act."

SEC. 6. Section fourteen of said Act as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-six is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. The Director of Public Works shall cause to be prepared a form, which shall be furnished free of charge upon request, and upon which every person who desires hereafter to operate any motor vehicle as a chauffeur shall answer under oath all questions asked and give all information required by the Director of Public Works, including his true name, address and age, the number, date, and place of issue of his cedula, and the names, kinds, types, or styles of motor vehicles which he is competent to operate, together with the form and amount of their motive power, and whether his senses of sight and hearing are normal. He is also required, except in case of an owner, to have his photograph taken to be pasted to the license.

"The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized in his discretion to require an applicant for a license as chauffeur to answer such further questions or to submit to such an examination touching his qualifications as chauffeur, as in the Director of Public Works' judgment will best disclose the applicant's fitness and competency to operate motor vehicles.

"If after such examination or without the same the Director of Public Works believes the applicant to possess the necessary qualifications and knowledge, he shall, upon the receipt of a fee of two pesos, issue to such applicant a license to operate as a chauffeur motor vehicles of the kind, style, type or make and power described in the application until the thirty-first day of January next following or until such license is revoked. But if the said Director does not believe the applicant to be a person qualified to operate motor vehicles he shall not issue a license as chauffeur to such applicant, in which event the applicant's fee shall be returned to him.

"Every license issued to operate a motor vehicle shall have a line or place for the signature and the photograph of the licensee, and no license issued shall be effective as an authorization to the person to whom issued to operate a motor vehicle until after such person has written his usual signature in the place provided for that purpose.

"Any license not renewed on or before January thirty-first of each year shall become delinquent. The penalty for renewal of a delinquent license shall be three pesos.

"The Director of Public Works may suspend for a period (not exceeding two months or, after hearing, revoke any license issued under the provisions of this Act, and may