## AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWENTY-FOUR OF ACT NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ALLOWANCE OF VACATION LEAVE TO MESSENGERS, DEPUTY PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL TREASURERS, DEPUTY PROVINCIAL AND TOWNSHIP TREASURERS, AND TELEGRAPH OPERATORS, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section twenty-four of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninetyeight, known as "The Revised Civil Service Act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 24. (a) After at least six months' continuous, faithful, and satisfactory service the Governor-General or proper head of Department may, in his discretion, grant to each officer or employee entitled to the accrued leave provided in. this Act, in addition to such accrued leave, vacation leave of absence with full pay, inclusive of Sundays and of days declared public holidays by law or executive order, for each calendar year of service, in accordance with the following schedule: An officer or employee receiving an annual salary of less than two thousand pesos may be granted twenty-one days' vacation leave; an officer or employee receiving an annual salary of two thousand pesos or more, or a trained nurse, may be granted twentyeight days' vacation leave. Vacation leave must be taken within the calendar year in which it is earned. The vacation leave provided tor only one calendar year may be allowed in connection with accrued leave granted. In cases of resignation, vacation leave shall not be allowed in addition to accrued leave. All applications for vacation leave shall be made on a form prescribed by the Director of Civil Service.

"(b) After at least one year's continuous, taithful, and satisfactory service and subject to the approval of the Director of Civil Service and the necessities of the public service, the proper chief of Bureau or Office, may, in his discretion, grant each regularly and permanently appointed messenger in the classified civil service, Insular or provincial, or of the cities of Manila and Baguio, vacation leave of absence with pay, inclusive of Sundays and of days declared public holidays by law or executive order, for a period not exceeding fifteen days for each calendar year of service, such leave to be taken within the calendar year in which earned: *Provided*, That no substitute messenger shall be employed during the absence of any messenger to whom leave has been granted in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

"(c) After at least six months' continuous, faithful, and satisfactory service and subject to the approval of the Director of Civil Service and the necessities of the public service, the proper provincial treasurer may, in his discretion, grant each regularly and permanently appointed deputy provincial and municipal treasurer, or deputy provincial and township treasurer, vacation leave with full pay, inclusive of Sundays and of days declared public holidays by law or executive order, for a period not exceeding twenty-one days for each calendar year of service, such leave to be taken within the calendar year in which earned: *Provided*, That no person or persons not already in the municipal or provincial treasury service shall be employed merely