

[ Act No. 2036, February 03, 1911 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS ONE AND FOUR OF ACT NUMBERED FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT DEFINING HIGHWAY ROBBERY OR BRIGANDAGE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUNISHMENT THEREFOR," AS AMENDED, SO AS TO REDUCE THE PENALTIES THEREIN PRESCRIBED.**

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Five hundred and eighteen, entitled "An Act defining highway robbery or brigandage and providing for the punishment therefor," as amended by Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

"SECTION 1. Whenever three or more persons, conspiring together, shall form a band of robbers for the purpose of stealing fined. carabaos, cattle, horses, rice, or personal property of any description, or for the purpose of extortion or obtaining ransom, or for any other purpose, by means of force and violence, and shall be armed with deadly weapons for this purpose, they shall be deemed highway robbers, or brigands, and every person engaged in the original formation of the band, or joining it thereafter, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than twenty years, in the discretion of the court: *Provided, however,* That if the band shall have committed acts penalized by other laws with a greater punishment, the persons forming such band who, under said laws, shall be responsible for such acts, shall be prosecuted under said laws and upon conviction shall suffer the punishment established therein."

SEC. 2. Section four of Act Numbered Five hundred and eighteen, as amended by Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Every person knowingly and willingly aiding or abetting such a band of brigands as that described in section one by giving them information of the movement of the police or Constabulary or other peace officers of the Government, or of the forces of the United States Army when acting in aid of the Government, or by securing or receiving stolen property from such brigands, or by procuring for them supplies of money, food, clothing, arms, ammunition, or other property of any kind, or by furnishing the same to them, or by knowingly hiding, lodging, or harboring in his house or assisting in any way in the escape of a member of such a band of robbers as defined in section one, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten years: *Provided, however,* That the act shall be presumed to have been committed knowingly and willingly unless the contrary is proven."

SEC. 3. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the same shall take effect on its passage, in accordance with section one of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Philippine Legislature.