

[Act No. 1917, May 19, 1909]

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY- SEVEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT CONTINUING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE PRODUCTION OF TOBACCO AND TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE TOBACCO-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS BY PROVIDING BOUNTIES FOR THE GROWERS OF LEAF TOBACCO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," BY PROVIDING THAT A LARGER NUMBER OF BOUNTIES OF SMALLER AMOUNTS MAY BE GIVEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-seven is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Beginning with the calendar year nineteen hundred and nine, and each year thereafter, there shall be paid bounties to growers of tobacco under the following conditions:

"(a) Three thousand pesos in the Province; of Cagayan, three thousand pesos in the Province of Isabela, two thousand two hundred and fifty pesos in the Province of La Union to be expended in bounties for the encouragement of the tobacco-raising industry, under the rules and regulations to be made, by the Director of Agriculture, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

"(b) Each of the provinces named in the preceding paragraph shall be divided into districts not to exceed four in number in each province by the Director of Agriculture, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

"(c) In the Provinces of Cagayan and Isabela sums not to exceed four hundred pesos each, and in the Province of La Union a sum not to exceed three hundred pesos may be expended out of the funds hereby appropriated, in each calendar year, for the traveling expenses per diems, or any other expenses of the committee hereinafter provided for. Growers of leaf tobacco desiring to compete for the bounties provided for above shall register as competitors with the political treasurer at the time of planting each years crop, or soon thereafter as practicable, and the treasurer of each province shall by frequent publication, not less than once a quarter or oftener if advisable by *bando* or otherwise, in each town inform all growers of leaf tobacco regarding the payment of these bounties and the steps necessary to be taken to enter the contest. A standing committee in each province is hereby constituted to pass on the claims of the various competitors. Said committee shall be composed of the provincial treasurer,