

[Acts No. 1814, March 24, 1908]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX OF ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE, KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE ACT, AS AMENDED BY ACT NUMBERED THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE, AND AUTHORIZING THE INSULAR COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND JUSTICE, TO REGULATE THE MANIFESTING OF COASTWISE CARGOES IN CERTAIN PARTICULARS.

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and thirty-six of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act to constitute the customs service of the "Philippine Archipelago and to provide for the administration thereof," as amended by Act, Numbered Thirteen hundred and forty-one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 136. The master of every vessel licensed for carrying on the coasting trade shall, previous to the departure of such vessel from a port of entry, make out and subscribe duplicate manifests of the whole of the cargo on board such vessel, specifying in such manifests the marks and numbers of packages, the port of destination, and the names of the respective consignees, he shall deliver such manifests to the collector or other customs official duly authorized, before whom he shall swear to the best of his knowledge and belief that the goods therein contained, if foreign, were imported legally and that the duties thereon have been paid or secured, certifications by the said collector or customs official shall certify the same on the manifests, one of which he shall return to the master with a permit specifying thereon, generally, the lading on board such a vessel, and authorizing him to proceed to his port of destination, retaining the duplicate.

"If any vessel, being laden, and destined as mentioned in this section, shall depart from a port of entry without the master having first made out and submitted duplicate manifests of the lading on board such vessel in the form and manner prescribed herein, such master shall be liable to a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars nor less than five dollars, or one dollar per net ton, in the discretion of the collector: *Provided, however,* That the Cargo between manifests specified in this section shall not be required for cargo transported between ports in the Philippine Islands which are not ports of entry, and that the Insular Collector may, under suitable regulations to be prescribed by him, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, permit vessels of the class herein mentioned to depart coastwise from ports of entry upon the filing by the masters thereof of general manifests, requiring the presentation by the corresponding owners, agents, or consignees, under the penalties prescribed by this section, of the detailed manifests, hereinbefore prescribed, within forty-eight hours after the departure of any such vessel: *And provided further,* That all cargo laden on board a vessel at any port or place in the Philippine Islands other than a port of