

[ Act No. 1639, May 01, 1907 ]

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE, GIFT, OR OTHER DISPOSAL OF ANY INTOXICATING LIQUOR, OTHER THAN THE SO-CALLED NATIVE WINES AND LIQUORS, TO ANY MEMBER OF A NON-CHRISTIAN TRIBE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN, AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SUCH LIQUOR BY ANY MEMBER OF SUCH A TRIBE.**

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

SECTION 1. The sale, gift, or other disposal to any native of the Philippine Islands who is a member of a non-Christian tribe within the meaning of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-seven, of any ardent spirits, ale, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquors of any—exception, kind, either than the so-called native wines and liquors which the members of such tribes have been accustomed themselves to make prior to the passage of this Act, is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful: *Provided, however,* That it shall be lawful : *Provided, however,* it shall be lawful to administer ardent spirits, ale, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquors of any kind prescription kind to a member of a non-Christian tribe upon a physician's prescription therefor as a remedy for bona fide illness or physical injury, or m so administer it without such prescription in a genuine emergency arising from dangerous illness or physical injury.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any native of the Philippine Islands who is a member of a non-Christian tribe within the meaning of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-seven, to buy, receive, have in his possession, or drink any ardent spirits, ale, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquors of any kind, other than the so-called native wines and liquors which the members of such tribes have been accustomed themselves to make prior to the passage of this Act, except as provided in section one hereof; and it shall be the duty of any police officer or other duly authorized agent of the Insular or any provincial, municipal, or township government to seize and forthwith destroy any such liquors found unlawfully in the possession of any member of a non-Christian tribe.

SEC. 3. Any person violating the provisions of section one or section two of this Act shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable for each offense by a fine of not exceeding two hundred pesos or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, May 1, 1907.

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