[Act No. 1672, July 09, 1907]

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-THREE BY PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF PROVINCIAL TOLL FERRIES.

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

SECTION 1. Act Numbered Eighty-three is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered forty-six and to read as follows:

"Sec. 46. Whenever for thirty days after service of a request by the boards provincial board any municipality declines or neglects to establish and maintain a suitable system of ferries for public use, the provincial board may designate, subject to revocation by the Governor-General, such ferries as provincial toll ferries, may make appropriations from the provincial road and bridge fund for the construction, maintenance, and operation thereof, and may from time to time, subject to the approval of the Governor-General, establish reasonable rates of tolls to be paid for the use thereof: Provided, That officers and enlisted men and civil employees of the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps and other branches of the Federal service shall be exempt from the payment of tolls or charges under this Act. The proceeds from any such provincial toll ferry shall go into and become a part of the provincial road and bridge fund of the province in which the ferry is operated.

Whenever either the Governor-General or the provincial board shall decide that the financial situation of a province is such that the collection of tolls on any ferry may be discontinued without injury to the welfare of the province, the Governor-General or the provincial board, as the ease may be, shall so order and thereafter such ferry shall be free tor public use.

"It shall be unlawful for any person whatever to use any such provincial toll ferry except as provided in this section without paying the toll provided therefor, and any person who shall make use thereof in violation of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty pesos and in default of the payment thereof shall be imprisoned one day for each peso of fine and costs unpaid:"

SEC. 2. 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. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, July 9, 1907.