

[Act No. 1447, January 30, 1906]

AN ACT GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE MANILA ELECTRIC RAILROAD AND LIGHT COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN TRACKS AND OVERHEAD WORK IN THE CITY OF MANILA AND USE THE SAME, AND TO CARRY FREIGHT AND PARCELS OVER ITS LINES.

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

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted the Manila Electric Railroad and Light Company to construct tracks and overhead work and use the same, subject to all the terms and conditions of Ordinance Numbered Forty-four of the city of Manila, as amended by Ordinance Numbered Seventy, as follows:

A single track beginning at the corner of Calle Cabildo and the southwest corner of the Ayuntamiento, passing in front of the Cathedral to Calle Palacio, and northward on Calle Palacio to Calle Claveria, and thence westward a double track along Calle Claveria to a point east of what is known as "The Malecon," thence north along the glaciis parallel to the Malecon to the Pasig River at the Anda Monument, thence west along the Pasig River to the eastern end of the present Quartermaster's storehouses, and thence around the storehouses with a single-track loop, with the necessary sidings and turn-outs.

The grantor may require the grantee to remove the said tracks and all other construction upon one year's notice, and if the grantee fails or refuses to remove the same within the time specified it may be done by the grantor at the expense of the grantee.

SEC. 2. The Manila Electric Railroad and Light Company is hereby granted permission to carry and transport for hire freight and express parcels and baggage over its lines, and to make a reasonable charge therefor.

The grantee shall pay to the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands, for the benefit of the city of Manila and the Province of Rizal, two and one-half per centum of the gross earnings from its business received under the permission and license by this Act granted: *Provided*, That the Auditor for the Philippine Islands shall apportion such per centum between the city of Manila and the Province of Rizal according to the earnings accruing within the city of Manila and the Province of Rizal, in such manner as he shall determine to be just and equitable.

The permission herein granted may be withdrawn by the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, with the consent of the Philippine Commission, at any time upon giving one year's notice to the grantee.

SEC. 3. 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. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.