

[Act No. 759, May 21, 1903]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PROVINCIAL BOARDS TO PURCHASE AND SELL RICE TO LABORERS ENGAGED IN WORK ON PROVINCIAL PUBLIC ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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

SECTION 1. The provincial board of any regularly organized province is hereby authorized in its discretion to expend such amounts as may appear necessary for the purchase of rice to be sold to laborers actually at work on the roads and bridges of the province. Payments on this account shall be made from the road and bridge fund of the province, and all money derived from sales shall be deposited in the provincial treasury to the credit of said fund.

SEC. 2. The amount of rice purchased at any one time under the provisions of section one hereof shall not exceed a supply sufficient for two months, and shall be sold at cost, including transportation shrinkage, and storage, but shall not include cost of distribution within the province to the various road gangs. Such cost of distribution, if any, shall be borne by the province and shall be a proper charge against the road and bridge fund thereof. Sales of rice purchased under the provisions of this Act shall be under the supervision of the provincial supervisor, who shall be accountable for the property purchased, and who shall, on the last day of each month, render an account to the provincial treasurer, showing the quantity and value of rice on hand at date of preceding account, the quantity and value of rice received and sold since, and the balance on hand and value thereof at date of the report. The supervisor shall, at the time of rendering the above-mentioned account, or oftener if deemed expedient, deposit with the provincial treasurer all money received from such sales of rice since his last report.

SEC. 3. The provincial treasurer shall take up on his account-current rendered to the Auditor all money deposited on. account of sales of rice under the provisions of this Act, as a reimbursement to the road and bridge fund, and shall forward with his monthly accounts to the Auditor a copy of the supervisor's report for the month.

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 21, 1903.



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