

[Act No. 849, August 24, 1903]

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF BUOYS AND BEACONS.

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

SECTION 1. Any person or persons who shall moor any vessel or vessels of any kind or name whatsoever or any boat, skiff, barge, scow, raft, or part of a raft to any buoy or beacon placed as an aid in navigation in any bay, channel, harbor, river, arm of the sea, or any other waters of the Philippine Islands by the authority of the Light-House Establishment of the Philippine Islands, or shall in any manner hang on with any vessel, boat, skiff, barge, scow, raft or part of a raft to any such buoy or beacon, or shall willfully remove, damage, or destroy any such buoy or beacon, or shall cut down, remove, damage, or destroy any beacon or beacons erected on land in the said Islands by the authority of the Light-House Establishment of the Philippine Islands, shall for every such offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand pesos, Philippines currency, or by imprisonment in the provincial jail not less than one nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court, one-third of the fine in such cases to be paid to the informer and two-thirds thereof to the Light-House Establishment, to be used in repairing or replacing such buoys or beacons.

SEC. 2. The cost of repairing or replacing any such buoy or beacon which may have been misplaced, damaged, or destroyed by any vessel, boat, raft, or scow being made fast to the same shall, when said cost shall have been legally ascertained, be a lien upon such vessel, boat, raft, or scow, and recovered against the same and the owner or owners thereof in an action of debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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.

Enacted, August 24, 1903.



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