

[Act No. 482, October 16, 1902]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PROVINCIAL BOARDS TO APPROPRIATE PROVINCIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DRAFT ANIMALS FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Whereas the supply of draft animals in the Philippine Islands has been greatly depleted by rinderpest and other diseases, provincial boards are hereby authorized to appropriate provincial funds for the purchase of draft animals for breeding purposes, for the payment of transportation charges upon such animals, and for their maintenance.

SEC. 2. Draft animals purchased by provincial boards shall be used, under such rules and regulations as the several provincial boards may prescribe, and the Chief of the Bureau of Agriculture may approve, to restock provinces with breeds heretofore commonly in use, or to improve the breeds of such animals, or to introduce new breeds.

SEC. 3. The Chief of the Bureau of Agriculture shall aid provincial boards in their selection of draft animals with such information as he may be able to furnish relative to the breeds likely to give the best results in the several provinces, the places where they may be obtained, and the probable cost of purchase and transportation.

SEC. 4. Where animals are purchased outside the Philippine Archipelago they shall be obtained through the Insular Purchasing Agent, who shall deliver them at cost to the several provincial boards which order them, including expense of transportation, the provisions of Act Numbered Two hundred and thirty-one to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 5. Horned cattle imported by the Insular Purchasing Agent under the provisions of this Act shall be immunized against rinderpest at the serum institute at Manila and without charge.

SEC. 6. 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. 7. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, October 16, 1902.



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