

[Act No. 519, November 12, 1902]

AN ACT DEFINING VAGRANCY AND PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Every person having no apparent, means of subsistence, who has the physical ability to work, and who neglects to apply himself or herself to some lawful calling; every person found loitering about saloons or dramshops or gambling houses, or tramping or straying through the country without visible means of support; every person known to be a pickpocket, thief, burglar, ladron, either by his own confession or by his having been convicted of either of said offenses, and having no visible or lawful means of support when found loitering about any gambling house, cockpit, or in any outlying barrio of a pueblo; every idle or dissolute person or associate of known thieves or ladrones who wanders about the country at unusual hours of the night; every idle person who lodges in any barn, shed, outhouse, vessel, or place other than such as is kept for lodging purposes, without the permission of the owner or person entitled to the possession thereof; every lewd or dissolute person who lives in and about houses of ill fame; every common prostitute and common drunkard, is a vagrant, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year and one day or both, in the discretion of the court.

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, November 12, 1902.



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