

[Act No. 73, January 16, 1901]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXAMINATION AND LICENSING OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF MASTER, MATE, AND PATRON OF SEA-GOING VESSELS.

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

SECTION 1. A board to consist of the Captain of the Port of Manila, the superintendent of the Nautical School and two masters of merchant vessels, to be appointed by the Captain of the Port, is hereby created. The Captain of the Port shall be president of the board ex officio, and any three members thereof shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Whenever any person applies for license as master, mate, or patron, it shall be the duty of the board to make thorough inquiry as to this character and carefully to examine the applicant, the evidence he presents in support of his application and such other evidence as it may deem proper or desirable, and if satisfied that his capacity, experience, habits of life and character are such as to warrant the belief that he can be safely intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of the position for which he makes application, it shall so certify to the Captain of the Port, who shall issue a license authorizing such applicant to act as master, mate, or patron, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. The board shall meet at the office of the Captain of the Port at Manila during the last week of the months of April, August, and December of each year and examine all applicants for any such positions who have filed in writing their applications for examination at least one month before the meeting of the board. Every applicant, shall be examined physically by a competent physician selected by the board, and unless found to be physically sound shall not be further examined and shall not be licensed. The board may in its discretion require the production of ships journals and log books for inspection in the examination of applicants for positions, of master or mate. Every applicant for the position of third mate shall be required to present to the board documents properly certified showing that he has served as seaman, apprentice or quartermaster continuously for at least nine months in a sea-going sailing vessel or at least eighteen months in a sea-going steamer: *Provided*, That, if the applicant produces a certificate of graduation from the Nautical School of Manila it shall be sufficient evidence of his technical knowledge, but not of his physical condition, experience, habits, or character. The applicant must not be less than twenty-one years of age. Every applicant for license as second mate must produce to the board a certificate as third mate and properly certified documents showing that he has served in the capacity of third mate in a seagoing sailing vessel for at least one year or in a sea-going steamer for at least two years and must not be less than twenty-three years of age. Every applicant for license as first mate shall be required to produce to the board properly certified documents showing that he has served in the capacity of second and third mate for at least two years in a sea-going sailing vessel or at least three years in a seagoing steamer and must not be less than twenty-three years of age. Every applicant for license as patron shall not be less than twenty-three years of age. He shall be examined on the following subjects: Reading and writing; management of the sails, and rigging of coasting and pilot boats; manner of loading according to cargo; manner of careening a boat so as to rid it of water, as well as, manner of stranding