

[Act No. 238, September 24, 1901]

AN ACT FIXING THE LIMITS OF CAVITE HARBOR, VESTING THE ADMIRAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN COMMAND OF THE ASIATIC STATION WITH POLICE JURISDICTION THEREOF AND PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GOVERNING VESSELS ANCHORING THEREIN.

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

SECTION 1. That portion of Manila Bay known as Cavite Harbor to the southward of a line drawn from Sangley Point to Parañaque and for one-half of a sea mile due north of said line and limits, is hereby placed under the police supervision of the admiral of the United States Navy in command of the Asiatic Station in so far as relates to the control of vessels in said harbor. He is authorized to appoint a line officer of the United States Navy to be supervisor of the harbor and to have charge therein of the berthing of all vessels, other than naval vessels, and of the enforcement of the provisions of this Act. The admiral is also authorized to appoint a deputy supervisor, who is to be also a line officer of the United States Navy, to assist the supervisor, and, subject to the supervision of the supervisor, he shall have the same power as the supervisor himself.

SEC. 2. The following rules and regulations are hereby prescribed for the government of any vessel, other than a vessel of the United States Navy, desiring to berth within the limits aforesaid:

(a) Any such vessel shall first obtain permission to berth within said limits from the Captain of the Port of Manila, whose duty it shall be to notify the senior naval officer afloat at Cavite, addressing Commandant of Cavite Naval Station, of the approximate time of the arrival of said vessel at Cavite, giving the name and length of said vessel and her draft when loaded.

(b) When by reason of stress of weather, or of any other urgent necessity, a vessel is compelled to enter Cavite Harbor without having had an opportunity to communicate with the Captain of the Port at Manila, she will take berth as hereinafter provided.

(c) The supervisor of Cavite Harbor, so appointed by the admiral in command of the station, shall have charge of the berthing of all vessels, other than naval vessels, and the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

(d) It shall be the duty of the supervisor to see that all vessels entering Cavite Harbor shall be met by a steam launch or tug and directed to a proper berth, and all vessels so entering or changing from one berth to another shall do so in accordance with the direction of the supervisor.

(e) Should any vessel entering Cavite Harbor for any reason, not be met and conducted to its berth as provided in the next preceding paragraph, it may anchor temporarily in any open berth, but is required to keep steam up ready to move, until such anchorage is confirmed or said vessel is directed to another berth.