

# [ Act No. 266, October 17, 1901 ]

## **AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF COAST GUARD AND TRANSPORTATION.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Bureau for the purpose of organizing, directing, and controlling island and interisland water transportation for governmental purposes, and for the establishment and maintenance of an efficient coast-guard service which shall be called the Bureau of Coast Guard and Transportation and which shall be under the general control and supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Police.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Coast Guard and Transportation shall be under the immediate control and management of a suitable person, to be selected by the Civil Governor, by and with the consent of the Commission, who shall be known as the Chief of Coast Guard and Transportation and who shall be paid an annual salary of three thousand five hundred dollars, money of the United States, payable monthly.

SEC. 3. The Bureau shall be organized into three divisions, the first of which shall have in charge the construction, maintenance, and operation of the vessels belonging to or under the charge of the Bureau. The second of such divisions shall have in charge the illumination, inspection, and superintendence of light-houses, buoys, beacons, light vessels, seamarks, and their appendages. The third of these divisions shall have in charge the construction of light-houses, buoys, beacons, light vessels, seamarks, and their appendages. Each of the divisions shall be in charge of a superintendent, appointed by the Civil Governor, by and with the consent of the Commission. They shall each be paid an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, money of the United States, payable monthly.

SEC. 4. The Chief of Bureau shall cooperate with the Collector of Customs for the Philippine Archipelago in performing such services as may, in the opinion of the latter, be necessary to enforce the collection of revenues and prevent smuggling and unlawful importations. The Collector of Customs shall have the power, when the public interests require it, to assign to any of the vessels used in the transportation division a revenue agent to be carried on board such vessel, who shall be assigned suitable quarters thereon.

SEC. 5. It shall also be the duty of the Chief of Bureau to provide for the transportation, on official business, of all insular and provincial officials, their subordinates, agents, and employees, and of all witnesses, prisoners, and guards, when transportation is required in the administration of justice, and of all goods and freights of the insular or provincial governments, or of the various departments or bureaus thereof, and also for the transportation of the presidents, councilors, and other officers municipalities when traveling to and from the provincial capitals in pursuance of law.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Bureau to cooperate with the Director-General of Posts in carrying the mails between the various points in the Islands,