

[Commonwealth Act No. 452, June 08, 1939]

PASTURE LAND ACT

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. This Act shall apply to all public lands which are adapted to pasture purposes.

SEC. 2. No person shall occupy or use any parcel of public land for pasture purposes without first securing therefor a lease or permit from the Director of Forestry in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Bureau of Forestry shall have jurisdiction and authority over the administration, protection, and management of pasture lands and over the granting of leases or permits for pasture purposes to any citizen of lawful age of the Philippines and any corporation or association of which at least sixty *per centum* of the capital stock belongs wholly to citizens of the Philippines, and which is organized and constituted under the laws of the Philippines for an area of not more than two thousand hectares in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Such leases shall run for a period of not more than twenty five years, but may be renewed once for another period of not to exceed twenty-five years, in case the lessee shall have made important improvements, which in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, justify a renewal.

Sec. 4. The Director of Forestry, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, shall promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this Act, as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect the provisions thereof.

Sec. 5. All parcels of public land applied for grazing purposes shall be investigated by the Bureau of Forestry and if the same are found to be within certified alienable or disposable land suitable for grazing purposes, -said Bureau shall request the Bureau of Lands that said parcels of land be reverted to the category of public forest land. Upon such reversion, the Bureau of Forestry shall take proper action on the pasture applications in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 6. Upon the approval of this Act, all subsisting pasture leases granted by the Bureau of Lands shall continue in-full force and effect until the date of their expiration: Provided, however, That upon being advised by the Bureau of Lands of the expiration or cancellation of any pasture lease, the Bureau of Forestry shall request the said Bureau of Lands that the area-be reverted to the category of public forest land and thereafter said land shall be subject to disposition for grazing purposes in accordance with the provisions of this Act. All other pasture lease applications which are still pending action in the Bureau of Lands shall be referred to the Bureau of Forestry for appropriate action.

Sec. 7. The annual rental of the land under lease or permit shall not be less than three *per centum* of-the appraised or reappraised value of the land and one *per centum* of that of that of the improvement thereon, if any, based on the appraisal and reappraisal made by the Director of Forestry with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and commerce. Should the term of the lease be ten years or more, a