

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3985, June 18, 1964 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS THREE AND ELEVEN OF  
COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-  
TWO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PASTURE LAND ACT," AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section three of Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred and fifty-two is amended to read as follows:

"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 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 Natural Resources, justify a renewal.

"However, no pasture permit or lease shall be granted in provinces which, according to the latest official population census, are inhabited by members of the cultural minorities without a prior inspection conducted jointly by representatives of the Bureau of Forestry and of the Commission on National Integration and a certification by said representatives that no member of the national cultural minorities actually occupy any portion of the area applied for under pasture permit or lease."

SEC. 2. Section eleven of the same Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. Any person, corporation, or association of persons who occupies or uses any part of the public domain for grazing purposes without lease or permit in violation of the provisions of this Act, or who,