

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1599, June 17, 1956 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO.**

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

SECTION 1. Sections one, two, three, four, five and eight of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred sixty-two are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The expropriation of landed estates or haciendas, or lands which formerly formed part thereof, in the City of Manila, which are and have been leased to tenants for at least ten years, is hereby authorized: *Provided*, That such lands shall have at least fifty houses of tenants erected thereon."

"SEC. 2. The Land Tenure Administration shall institute the proper expropriation proceedings of the lands herein authorized to be expropriated before the competent court of the City of Manila.

"SEC. 3. The landed estates or haciendas expropriated by virtue of this Act shall be subdivided into small lots, none of which shall exceed one hundred and fifty square meters in area, to be sold at cost to the tenants, or occupants, of said lots, and to other individuals, in the order mentioned: *Provided*, That if the tenant of any given lot is not able to purchase said lot, he shall be given a lease from month to month, of said lot until such, time that he is able to purchase the same: *Provided, further*, That in the event of lease, the rentals that may be charged by the Government shall not exceed eight *per cent per annum* of the assessed valuation of the property leased."

"SEC. 4. The lots of the landed estates or haciendas or lands expropriated by virtue of this Act shall be sold at cost, such cost to mean the price paid by the government to the landowner, plus six per cent interest per annum, payable under an amortization plan for twenty-five years; *Provided, however*, That in determining the cost of each lot, the price paid by the government for areas covered, by streets, plazas, alleys, and other lands for public use, as well as the cost of subdivision and survey, shall be excluded."

"SEC. 5. From the approval of this Act, and even before the commencement of the expropriation herein provided, ejectment proceedings against any tenant or occupant of any landed estates or haciendas or lands herein authorized to be expropriated, shall be suspended for a period of two years, upon motion of the defendant, if he