

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 116, June 07, 1947 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT  
OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.**

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and ninety-eight of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 198. *Registration of chattel mortgages and fees collectible in connection therewith.*-Every register of deeds shall keep a book of records of chattel mortgages; shall certify on each mortgage left for record the date, hour, and minute when the same was by him received: record in such book any chattel mortgage, transfer, or discharge, which shall be presented to him in duplicate, the original to be filed and the duplicate to be returned to the person concerned.

The record shall be effected by making an entry, which shall be given a correlative number, setting forth the names, of the mortgagee and the mortgagor, the sum or obligation guaranteed, date of the instrument, name of the notary acknowledging the same, and a note that the property mortgaged is mentioned in detail in the instrument filed, giving the proper file number thereof.

The register shall also certify the officer's return of sale upon any mortgage, making reference upon the margin of the record of such officer's return to the volume and page of the record of the mortgage, and a reference of such return on the record of the mortgage itself, and give a certified copy thereof, when requested, upon the payment of the lawful fees for such copy; and certify upon each mortgage officer's return of sale or discharge of mortgage, both on the original and on the duplicate, the date, hour, and minute when the same is received for record and record such certificate with the return itself and keep an alphabetical index of mortgagors and mortgagees, which record and index shall be open to public inspection.

Duly certified copies of such records and of filed instruments shall be receivable as evidence in any court.

A register of deeds shall collect the following fees for services under this section:

- (a) For record of filing of any document, fifty centavos.
- (b) For filing and recording each chattel mortgage, including the