

[Act No. 3997, December 05, 1932]

**AN ACT CREATING A "NATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTING FUND"
OUT OF ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES ON RADIO RECEIVING
SETS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF RADIO BROADCASTING IN THE PHILIPPINE
ISLANDS AND FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE BENEFITS THEREOF
TO THE PEOPLE IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND BARRIOS, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. *Main object and general enabling provisions.*—This Act to be known as the "Radio Broadcasting Law", which shall have for its main object the extension of the benefits of radio broadcasting so as to make them, as far as it is practicable to do so, equally available to the people throughout the Philippine Islands, shall be administered by the Secretary of Commerce and Communications, who, in order to carry out in the most effective manner its provisions and purposes, is hereby empowered to promulgate in the form of administrative orders such rules and regulations as may be advisable, and to create such committee or committees as may be necessary, and, with the permission of the respective Department Heads concerned, to use the services of such officers or employees of the Insular, provincial and municipal governments as may be convenient especially in the collection of fees.

SEC. 2. *Exemption of the Governments of the United States and the Philippine Islands.*—The Government of the United States shall be exempt from all requirements of this Act. The Government of the Philippine Islands shall be exempt likewise for all radio receiving sets owned or operated by it for communication purposes: *Provided, however,* That dealers or persons selling receivers to the said governments shall comply with the provisions of section three of this Act and the regulations which may be issued thereunder by the Secretary of Commerce and Communications as regards submission of reports on sale of receiving sets.

SEC. 3. *Registration of radio receiving sets; notice of sale or change in sale or change in ownership or location of each set.*—The Secretary of Commerce and Communications shall prescribe rules and regulations for the registration of radio receiving sets and for the submission of reports on sale of receivers or on change of ownership thereof. He may require that all receiving sets be registered annually if he deems it advisable in addition to the owners' obligation to pay the annual fees as provided in section four. Subject to such rules and regulations, every person, firm, company, association, corporation or any other entity having in his or in its possession or control a radio receiving set, shall register the same with the Radio Regulation Office created or designated under section eight of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and forty-six within thirty days after coming into possession or control of such set, and it shall be the duty of the owner thereof to advise the Radio Regulation Office of any change in his or its address within thirty days after such change takes place. And whenever any radio receiving set is sold, or any change in ownership takes place, the dealer or former owner thereof shall comply with the regulations issued by the Secretary of Commerce and Communications under the

provisions of this section.

SEC. 4. *Annual fees to be paid.*—Except as otherwise provided in section six hereof, there shall be paid and collected a registration fee of two pesos per annum for every crystal receiving set and ten pesos per annum for every receiving set that uses a vacuum tube or tubes for amplification or for detection: *Provided, however,* That if the Secretary of Commerce and Communications shall deem it advisable he may establish zones and fix a graduated scale of zone fees, the maximum of which shall not exceed the fees herein-above specified: *Provided, further,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Communications may establish rules and regulations for the reduction of fees payable by the same owner for the same set after one year's fee has been paid.

The "annual fees" above specified shall be understood to be for a period of twelve months counting from the date of acquisition of a radio receiver, and, wherever quarterly, semi-annual or annual fees are specified in this Act, the same shall be understood to be for a period of three months, six months and twelve months, respectively, counting from the date of acquisition of the radio set.

SEC. 5. *When to pay fees; surcharge to be paid for late payment.*—Upon the initial registration of a radio receiving set, as provided in section three hereof, the fee for at least three months shall be paid in advance. Thereafter, fees shall be payable in not less than quarterly installments, each of which shall be paid in advance during the first thirty days of the quarter in which such fees are due. Any fee not paid within the time fixed shall be increased by a surcharge of twenty per centum thereof: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Communications may prescribe rules and regulations changing the time of payment of fees from quarterly to semi-annually or annually: *Provided, further,* That he may also prescribe such rules and regulations as may be advisable to assure the prompt or immediate registration and advance payment or collection of fees on receiving sets sold by dealers and on sets entering the country through the mails or the customhouse and those brought by persons coming from abroad, notwithstanding the provisions of section three of this Act regarding thirty days time allowed for registration.

SEC. 6. *Receiving sets for specified uses to be registered but exempt from payment of fees.*—Subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce and Communications, owners of receiving sets covered by this section shall comply with the requirements of section three of this Act as regards registration but shall be exempt from payment of the fees as required by section four:

- a. Sets in storage or out of service;
- b. Sets kept for sale or used for demonstration by those engaged in the manufacture or sale of radio apparatus;
- c. Sets owned or operated by the Philippine Government and used for purposes other than communications;
- d. Sets installed on airplanes and ships licensed under Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and forty-six;