

[Act No. 3893, November 16, 1931]

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF RECEIVING RICE FOR STORAGE, GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY THE DUTY TO ENFORCE IT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROVISIONS, EXEMPTING COOPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATION OF RICE PRODUCTS FROM THE APPLICATION THEREOF, REPEALING ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known by the short title of "Bonded Warehouse Act."

SEC. 2. As used in this Act, the term "warehouse" shall be deemed to mean every building, structure, or other protected inclosure in which rice is kept for storage. The term "rice" shall be deemed to mean either palay, in bundles or in grains, or cleaned rice, or both. "Person" includes a corporation or partnership or two or more persons having a joint or common interest; "warehouseman" means a person engaged in the business of receiving rice for storage; and "receipt" means any receipt issued by a warehouseman for rice delivered to him. For the purpose of this Act, the business of receiving rice for storage shall include (1) any contract or transaction wherein the warehouseman is obligated to return the very same rice delivered to him or to pay its value; (2) any contract or transaction wherein the rice delivered is to be milled for and on account of the owner thereof; (3) any contract or transaction wherein the rice delivered is commingled with rice delivered by or belonging to other persons, and the warehouseman is obligated to return rice of the same kind or to pay its value.

SEC. 3. No person shall engage in the business of receiving rice for storage without first securing a license therefor from the Director of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry. Said license shall be annual and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December.

SEC. 4. Any Person applying for a license to engage in the business of receiving rice for storage shall set forth in the application the place or places where the business and the warehouse are to be established or located and the maximum quantity of rice to be received. The application shall be accompanied by a cash bond or bond secured by real estate or signed by a duly authorized bonding company, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Director of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry at not less than thirty-three and one-third per cent of the market value of the maximum quantity of rice to be received. Said bond shall be so conditioned as to respond for the market value of the rice actually delivered and received at any time the warehouseman is unable to return the rice or to pay its value. The bond shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry before a license shall issue, and it shall be the duty of said Director, before issuing a license under this Act, to satisfy himself concerning the sufficiency of such bond, and to determine whether the warehouse for which such license is applied for is suitable for the proper storage of rice.