

[Act No. 3323, December 04, 1926]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS NINE, ELEVEN, AND TWENTY-ONE OF ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY, ENTITLED THE "FRIAR LANDS ACT," INCREASING TO ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR HECTARES THE AREA OF LAND OF THE SO CALLED "FRIAR LANDS" WHICH MAY BE SOLD TO AN INDIVIDUAL, AND PROVIDING HOW VACANT LANDS MAY BE SOLD AND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH PURCHASERS OF SAID FRIAR LANDS MAY PAY FOR THE SAME.

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. Section nine of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty, entitled the Friar Lands Act, as amended by Acts Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-seven, Nineteen hundred and thirty-three, Twenty-three hundred and seventy-nine, Twenty-five hundred and nine, and Three thousand and twenty-four, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. In the event the Director of Lands should find any of said lands vacant, he is directed to take possession and charge thereof, and he may either lease such unoccupied lands for a term not exceeding three years, or sell same, as may be solicited, and in making such leases or such sales he shall proceed as provided in section eleven of this Act: *Provided, however,* That the sale made to an individual shall not exceed one hundred and forty-four hectares and to a corporation shall not exceed one thousand and twenty-four hectares: *And provided, further,* That this limitation shall not apply to sales made to a provincial or municipal government or to any other branch, subdivision, or entity of the Government."

SEC. 2. Section eleven of the same Act, as amended by Acts Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-seven, Nine-teen hundred and thirty-three, Twenty-three hundred and seventy-nine, Twenty-five hundred and nine, and Three thousand and twenty-four, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. Should any person who is the actual and bona fide settler upon and occupant of any portion of said lands at the time the same is conveyed to the Government of the Philippine Islands desire to purchase the land so occupied by him, he shall be entitled to do so at the actual cost thereof to the Government, and shall be granted fifteen years from the date of the purchase in which to pay for the same in equal annual installments, should he so desire, paying interest at the rate of four per centum per annum on all deferred payments. And the contracts of sale made prior to the approval of this Act may be extended, in the discretion