

[Act No. 3177, November 24, 1924]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS ELEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR, ELEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE, ELEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE; ELEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO, AND ELEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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 eleven hundred and eighty-four of the Administrative Code, as amended by Act Numbered. Twenty-eight hundred and fifty-two, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1184. *Boards of Examiners for Marine Officers and Engineers.*— There shall be maintained in the Bureau of Customs at Manila two boards of examiners, one for Marine Officers and the other for Marine Engineers. The former shall consist of two master mariners in the service of the Philippine Government at Manila and one master mariner in the Philippine merchant marine; and the latter of two chief engineers in the service of the Philippine Government at Manila and one chief engineer in the Philippine merchant marine. The Insular Collector of Customs of Manila shall designate a competent person to act as secretary. The members of said boards shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance at each call."

SEC. 2. Section eleven hundred and eighty-five of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1185. *Functions of the Boards.*—It shall be the duty of said boards of examiners to conduct examinations of persons applying for certificate as marine officers or engineers under the provisions hereof, to certify the successful examinees in such examinations for certificate as master, mate or marine engineer, as the case may be, and to exercise such other powers as are herein conferred."

SEC. 3. The fourth paragraph of section eleven hundred and eighty-nine of said Act is hereby amended and another paragraph added at the end thereof, to read as follows:

"The board in examining an applicant for a certificate as marine engineer shall inquire into his knowledge of the operation of marine machinery of all classes, also into his practical experience, character, and habits, and the board may, in its discretion, make such practical tests and examinations of the applicant as it may deem necessary to demonstrate his fitness for the position for which he seeks a certificate.

"The examinations shall be theoretical and practical and shall be in writing, and the questions shall be chosen by lot from an extensive permanent schedule of subjects prepared for each certificate as marine officer or marine engineer, which schedule shall not be modified or extended except upon one year's notice. The papers shall not be signed, and the authors thereof shall be identified by means of slips enclosed in envelopes. Both the schedule and the regulations by which examinations are to be governed shall be prepared and promulgated by the boards of examiners concerned, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance."

SEC. 4. Section eleven hundred and ninety-two of said Act is hereby amended by adding, at the end thereof, the following:

"(e) In order to give a legal status to persons who, upon or prior to the approval of this Act, served as engineers on motor vessels without having the proper certificate as marine engineer, and who are able to read and write English, Spanish, or any of the Philippine dialects, such persons shall be permitted to take a practical test, without the requisites prescribed in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section, for certificates as chief motor engineer, second motor engineer, third motor engineer, and fourth motor engineer, upon compliance with the following conditions :

"1. Chief engineer on motor vessel: Upon presentation of a certificate or certificates of service on motor vessels of one hundred and fifty or more brake horsepower, signed by the masters and owners or operators thereof and duly sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths, showing that he served as engineer on such vessels prior to the approval of this Act, for a total period of not less than five years, of which two or more years as chief engineer.

"2. Second engineer on motor vessel: Upon presentation of a certificate or certificates of service on motor vessels of one hundred or more brake horsepower, signed by the masters and owners or operators thereof and duly sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths, showing that he served as engineer on such vessels, prior to the approval of this Act, for a total period of not less than four years, of Which two or more as second engineer.

"3. Third, engineer on motor vessel: Upon presentation of a certificate or certificates of service on motor vessels of seventy-five or more brake horsepower, signed by the masters and owners or operators thereof and duly sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths, showing that he served as engineer on such vessels, prior to the approval of this Act, for three years, of which two or more as third engineer.

"4. Fourth engineer on motor vessel: Upon presentation of a certificate or certificates of service on motor vessels of twenty or more brake horsepower, signed by the masters and owners or operators thereof and duly sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized by law