

[Act No. 3084, March 16, 1923]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO AND ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY ACTS NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY- ONE AND TWENTY-NINE HUNDRED AND TWELVE

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 seventy-two of the Administrative Code, as amended by Acts Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and sixty-one and Twenty-nine hundred and twelve, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1172. *Certificate of Philippine register.*—Upon registration of a vessel of domestic ownership, and of more than fifteen tons gross, a certificate of Philippine register shall be issued for it. If the vessel is of domestic ownership and of fifteen tons gross or less the taking of the certificate of Philippine register shall be optional with the owner.

" 'Domestic ownership,' as used in this section, means ownership vested in some one or more of the following classes of persons: (a) Citizens of the Philippine Islands; (b) citizens of the United States residing in the Philippine Islands; (c) any corporation or company composed wholly of citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, or of both, created under the laws of the United States, or of any State thereof, or of the Philippine Islands, provided some duly authorized officer thereof, or the agent, master or administrator of the vessel resides in the Philippine Islands; (d) any corporation or company created under the laws of the United States, or of any State thereof, or of the Philippine Islands, duly authorized to engage in business in the Philippine Islands, provided seventy-five per centum at least of the capital stock thereof or of any interest in said capital is wholly owned by citizens of the Philippine Islands, or of the United States, or of both, and provided some duly authorized officer thereof, or the agent, master or administrator of the vessel resides in the Philippine Islands; (e) any corporation or company created under the laws of the United States, or of any State thereof, or of the Philippine Islands, provided some duly authorized officer thereof, or the agent, master or administrator of the vessel resides in the Philippine Islands; *Provided*, That the certificate of Philippine register issued to a vessel because the owner thereof comes under the provisions of this subsection (e), shall extend to the vessel the privilege of engaging only in the foreign or high-sea commerce, but not in the Philippine coastwise trade.

"Any vessel of more than fifteen tons gross which on February eighth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, had a certificate of Philippine register under existing law, shall likewise be deemed a vessel of domestic ownership so long as there shall not be any change in the ownership