

# [ Act No. 3077, March 16, 1923 ]

## **AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 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. Section eighteen hundred and forty-four of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1844. *Powers and functions of Bureau of Lands.*— The Bureau of Lands shall be charged with the administration of all laws relative to public lands not classified as timber lands, the mineral lands, the friar lands, and of all other public real property not placed under the control of any other branch, department, bureau or office of the Government by legislative enactment or competent administrative authority.

"As custodian and administrator of the public lands classified by the Bureau of Forestry as non-timber lands, and of other real property of the Insular Government, the Bureau of Lands, with the approval of the Department Head, shall have power to regulate the occupation or provisional use thereof, specifying in its regulations what kinds of licenses shall be issued by the Bureau of Lands, including licenses for the taking of stone, earth, and other products, where such taking is not otherwise regulated under existing law.

The officers and employees of the Bureau of Lands shall have police authority over lands classified by the Bureau of Forestry as non-timber public lands, and other public real property under the custody and control of said Bureau and declared to be of the public domain by the courts, and shall have power to execute the decisions, resolutions, and decrees of the Bureau of Lands relative thereto, unless such decisions, resolutions or decrees are revoked or suspended by order of the Court of First Instance of the province in which the public land or real property in question is situated.

"The said Bureau shall conduct surveys of the public domain and other public property, cadastral surveys, and official surveys or private property, and shall exercise such other powers as are hereinafter conferred.

"All existing records of Spanish grants and concessions of agricultural or mineral lands shall be preserved in the Bureau of Lands.

"The Director of Lands shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to any private person or persons applying for the same, one or more copies of such records in which such person or persons may be personally concerned and to which he or they may be entitled, the same to be accompanied by a certificate of its correctness, if desired, on the