

[Act No. 2590., February 04, 1916]

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME AND FISH.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. Except as in this Act provided, it shall be unlawful for any person in the Philippine Islands to hunt, wound, take, or kill, or have in his or her possession, living or dead, or to purchase, offer, or expose for sale, transport, ship, or export, alive or dead, any protected bird, fish, shellfish, or mammal, or to sell or in have in possession for sale any part of either. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to tkae or wilfully destroy the nest or eggs of any protected bird to have such nest or eggs in his or her possession.

SEC. 2. The term "protected bird" includes insect-eating birds, song birds, and generally all wild birds except those commonly known as eagle, hawks, owls, English sparrows, *candangaho* or *garzas pardas* (brown herons) crows, *galancian* and *mayas*; but the game birds contemplated in the next succeeding section shall be deemed to be "protected," within the meaning in this Act, only during the continuance of the respective close seasons established for them.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall shall have authority, subject to the approval of the Governor-General to establish a close season for all or anyn of the game birdsmentioned below or any other game bird, or birds, specified by him, to wit, the goose, duck, rail, coot, mudhen, *gallinule*, shore bird, plover, surf bird, snipe, woodcock, sandpiper, tattler, curlew, wild chicken, pheasant, quail, wild pigeon, pigeon, doves of all classes, hornbill, mound builder, brus turkey.

He may in like many establish a close season for fish or shellfish, or for deer, musk deer, tamaraw, squirrel, lemur, or any other mammal, or mammals, specified by him, except the wild pig.

SEC. 4. A close season established by the Secretary of the Interior may be so defined as to cover a particular portion, or portions, of each successive year, or if deemed necessary for the public interest, it may be made to extend over any single period of time of not more than five years duration.

SEC. 5. The order creating a close season may be made applicable to the entire Philippine Islands or to any specified province or to other territorial division therein, and if realting to fish or shellfish, may be limited to a particular water or stream.

SEC. 6. Such order shall be issued at least two months before the date of its taking effect, and if general, it shall be published in the Official Gazette once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the same date.

An order applying to a province, municipality or other territorial division, shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks, in a local newspaper, if any there be, and copies of the orer shall be posted at the main entrance of the provincial and municipal buildings and in said buildings, before its to take effect.

The Secretary of the Interior shall also adopt in each case such other means of