

[Act No. 2629., February 04, 1916]

AN ACT CONFERRING CERTAIN POWERS UPON THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING AND ENCOURAGING THE MANUFACTURE OF HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH THE BUREAU OF EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Director of Education is hereby authorized, under rules and regulations, prescribed by the Secretary of Public Instruction, to distribute and to sell the products and manufactures of the public schools and of household workers engaged in the production of handicraft products similar to those manufactured in the public schools of the Philippine Islands; to purchase and receive on consignment handicraft products from provincial industrial departments and schools; also to purchase and receive on consignment industrial products directly from household workers and to take such steps as may be appropriate or necessary to encourage and to stimulate the manufacture of handicraft products in the Philippine Islands by organizing such household workers into cooperative associations and by assisting in finding markets for such products and by directing the energies of industrial workers along lines of production most highly profitable, and by assisting in providing suitable materials and models: *Provided*, That nothing in this section contained shall be construed as authorizing the Bureau of Education to limit the general academic educational activities of teachers and pupils: *And provided further*, That the Bureau of Education shall, under no circumstances, take up any activity that will bring it in unnecessary competition with private business or industry, nor shall it make any unfair or unjust discrimination in favor of or against any seller or buyer.

SEC. 2. The expenses of the Bureau of Education incident to carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be met from funds provided, by the current appropriations for that bureau: *Provided*, That the amount of sales stock to be carried by the Bureau of Education shall at no time exceed in value the sum of thirty thousand pesos.

SEC. 3. The Bureau of Supply is hereby authorized to furnish, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction, to the Bureau of Education, out of any funds available for the purchase of supplies, such sums not exceeding one hundred thousand pesos in all as may from time to time be required to pay in advance the cost of materials and the expense of production in household industries. All advances of funds and extension of credit shall be considered on the same basis as purchases of supplies.

SEC. 4. A provincial industrial department is hereby to authorized to be established by the provincial board in each province for the purchase of industrial products for cash from schools and household workers and for the sale of same to individuals, firms, or to any branch of the Insular, provincial, or municipal governments and for the purchase of quantities of materials for retail to household workers, municipalities, and schools in maintaining and establishing industries where such