

[ Act No. 2256, February 11, 1913 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE LICENSING OF OPERATORS, AND TO REQUIRE ALL VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS TO CARRY LIGHTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," BY PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (g) of section one of Act Numbered Twenty-one hundred and fifty-nine, entitled, "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators, and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights, and for other purposes," is hereby amended to read as follows:

" (g) 'Dealer' includes every person making, manufacturing, constructing, assembling, or setting up motor vehicles in these Islands for sale; every person acting as agent for the sale of one or more makes, styles, or kinds of motor vehicles, and every person dealing in motor vehicles, keeping the same in stock, or selling or handling the same with a view of trading in or selling the same."

SEC. 2. Section two of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. No motor vehicle shall be used or operated in, along, or upon any highway of the Philippine Islands unless the same has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act, nor by any person who has not been licensed to operate such motor vehicle under the provisions of this Act.

"Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred pesos: *Provided, however,* That if the vehicle so operated is for let or hire to the public a further penalty of not more than six months imprisonment may be imposed. Government Motor vehicles belonging to the Government of the United States, the Government of the Philippine Islands or any of its subdivisions, or to any provincial, city or municipal government shall be regarded as registered under the provisions of this Act if they bear signs or legends plainly indicating to what department, bureau, or political subdivision the same belong and the number plates required by section seven hereof, which number plates shall be issued free by the Director of Public Works."

SEC. 3. Section three of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Every person who owns or possesses a motor vehicle shall within thirty days from the time of acquiring said vehicle file in the office of the Director of Public Works or in the office of the district engineer for

each motor vehicle owned or possessed by him a statement of his name, place of residence and address, the number and date of his cedula and the place where same was issued, a brief description of each such motor vehicle including the name, style, or type thereof, the name or title of the makers, the number, if any, stamped upon or affixed by the makers to the same, the number of wheels, the character of the motive power, and the amount thereof stated in figures of horsepower, the name of the person from whom the machine was acquired, and such other information as the Director of Public Works may require. Such statement shall be regarded as an application for the official registration of such motor vehicle.

"Every person acquiring a motor vehicle not registered under the provisions of this Act after the same is effective shall file a like statement within thirty-six hours after he has taken possession of such motor vehicle.

"Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred pesos."

SEC. 4. Section nine of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. Every motor vehicle of more than three wheels shall at all times when in use bear in a conspicuous place on the front of such vehicle one of the number plates issued for such vehicle, and in a conspicuous place in the rear thereof the other such number plate. And every other motor vehicle shall bear the number plate issued for it in a conspicuous place in the rear thereof. Such number plates shall be kept clean and cared for and shall be firmly affixed so that the number thereon may at all times be visible and legible whether the motor vehicle is in motion or not.

"Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred pesos."

SEC. 5. Section ten of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows :

"SEC. 10. Whenever any motor vehicle is sold or any change of change in the ownership thereof takes place it is hereby made the duty of the former owner thereof to notify the Director of Public Works as soon as possible in writing of such change, giving the name, residence, and address of such purchaser or new owner, the number of the certificate of registration issued to cover the vehicle, and the number borne on the number plate or plates issued for such vehicle. Such notification shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty centavos, and the Director of Public Works shall cause the name, residence and address of such purchaser or new owner to be recorded in the 'Motor Vehicle Register' in such a manner that the owner of any motor vehicle may at any time readily be ascertained therefrom. Any statement indorsed on the back of a certificate of registration issued under this Act shall be sufficient evidence, for the purposes of this Act, of the ownership of the purchaser or transferee named in such statement, if the same be signed by the person in whose name the certificate was issued and complies substantially with the following form:

" ' .....

(Date.)

" I have this day transferred my ownership of the motor vehicle described on the face hereof to.....

" ' .....

(Signature.)

"Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall -penalty, be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred pesos."

SEC. 6. Section twelve of said Act is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"*Provided*, That no dealer shall operate motor vehicles for hire unless same shall have been registered in accordance with sections three and four of this Act."

SEC. 7. Section fourteen of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. The Director of Public Works shall cause to be prepared a form, which shall be furnished free of charge upon request, and upon which every person who desires hereafter to operate any motor vehicle as a chauffeur shall answer under oath all questions asked and give all information required by the Director of Public Works, including his true name, address and age, the number, date, and place of issue of his cedula, and the names, kinds, types, or styles of motor vehicles which he is competent to operate, together with the form and amount of their motive power, and whether his senses of sight and hearing are normal.

"The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized in his discretion to require an applicant for a license as chauffeur to answer such further questions or to submit to such an examination touching his qualifications as chauffeur, as in the Director of Public Works' judgment will best disclose the applicant's fitness and competency to operate motor vehicles.

"If after such examination or without the same the Director of Public Works believes the applicant to possess the necessary qualifications and knowledge, he shall, upon the receipt of a fee of two pesos, issue to such applicant a license to operate as a chauffeur motor vehicles of the kind, style, type, or make and power described in the application until the fifteenth day of January next following or until such license is revoked. But if the said Director does not believe the applicant to be a person qualified to operate motor vehicles he shall not issue a license as chauffeur to such applicant, in which event the applicant's fee shall be returned to him.

"Every license issued to operate a motor vehicle shall have a line or place for the signature of the licensee, and no license issued shall be effective as an authorization to the person to whom issued to operate a motor