

[Act No. 2235, February 10, 1913]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PATENTS AND PATENT RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SAME.

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

SECTION 1. Owners of patents, including design patents, which have been issued or may hereafter be issued, duly registered in the United States Patent Office under the laws of the United States relating to the grant of patents, shall receive in the Philippine Islands the protection accorded them in the United States under said laws. Any infringement of the rights secured by lawful issue of a patent shall subject the person or party guilty of such infringement to the liabilities created and imposed by the laws of the United States relating to such matters: *Provided*, That a duly certified copy of all such patents shall be filed in the division of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks of the Executive Bureau: *And provided further*, That the rights of property in patents and trademarks secured in the Philippine Islands to persons under the Spanish laws shall be respected in said territory the same as if such laws were in full force and effect.

SEC. 2. Persons seeking protection in the Philippine Islands for patents under the terms of the last preceding section shall forward a certified copy of the patent, together with a letter of transmittal, to the chief of the division of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks of the Executive Bureau, requesting that such copy be filed in said division for reference. Upon receipt of such certified copy the chief of the division of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks shall issue his formal receipt therefor and forward it to the party filing the same. A fee of two pesos shall be charged for filing each such copy.

SEC. 3. Power of attorney from the owner of a patent, authorizing another for him and in his name, place, and stead to file a certified copy of such patent, shall be filed with such certified copy in the Philippine Islands whenever the protection of such patent is desired.

SEC. 4. Assignments of patents shall be filed in the same manner as provided in this Act for filing certified copies of patents.

SEC. 5. The Courts of First Instance of the Philippine Islands and the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands shall have original jurisdiction and appellate jurisdiction respectively to hear and determine any and all questions arising under and by virtue of the provisions of this Act, subject to the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure for ordinary civil actions.

SEC. 6. This Act shall be effective from and after the date of its passage.

Enacted, February 10, 1913.
