

[ Act No. 2053, February 03, 1911 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE TWO OF THE FRANCHISE  
CONTAINED IN ACT NUMBERED FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND  
NINETY-SEVEN OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION, ENTITLED  
"AN ACT GRANTING TO THE PHILIPPINE RAILWAY COMPANY A  
CONCESSION TO CONSTRUCT RAILWAYS IN THE ISLANDS OF  
PANAY, NEGROS, AND CEBU, AND GUARANTEEING INTEREST ON  
THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS THEREOF, UNDER AUTHORITY OF  
THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED FEBRUARY SIXTH, NINETEEN  
HUNDRED AND FIVE," BY EXTENDING ITS PROVISIONS UNDER  
CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, TO THE FORESHORE AND RECLAIMED  
LAND.**

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

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of article two of the franchise contained in Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven of the Philippine Commission is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2. Under and by virtue hereof the right of way through the through public lands of the Philippine Government is hereby given and granted to the grantee for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the railroad or railroads as herein authorized to the extent of one hundred feet in width where it may pass through the public domain, including all necessary ground for depots, machine shops, station buildings, workshops, water stations, warehouses, terminals, including wharves and dock fronts, switches, sidetracks, and turntables, and also such extra lands beyond such one hundred feet as may be found necessary for said purposes: *Provided*, That definite plans hereinbefore provided for, and the right, power, and authority shall thereunder be given to said grantee, with the written approval of the Governor-General, to open and work quarries and gravel pits upon any public lands and take from such lands earth, stone, timber, and other materials for the construction of such railway; but the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply to public lands available for homestead settlement or for sale under the Public Land Act, or to timber lands of the Philippine Government, and shall not apply to lands used and assigned for other public purposes, nor to the lands known as the 'friars' lands:' *Provided further*, That the provisions of this paragraph shall also apply to the foreshore, as defined in existing law, and to all Government and public lands made or reclaimed by the Government by dredging or filling, or otherwise, unless such land shall have been used or assigned for other public purposes; and such foreshore, or other land, hereby granted to the grantee, is hereby taken out of the operation of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-four of the Philippine Commission: *And provided further*, That the quantity of land or width of right of way which, by virtue of this Act, may be acquired by the railway company for right of way or other railway uses upon the foreshore or reclaimed land shall be determined by the Governor-General."