

[Act No. 2061, April 10, 1911]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SALES AGENCY FOR ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN THE SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCES INHABITED BY MOROS AND OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN TRIBES AND BY THE PEOPLE OF SAID PROVINCES, AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUITABLE BUILDING FOR THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. There is hereby established an agency, to be known as "The Sales Agency," for the following purposes: The distribution of products and manufactures of the schools under the direction of the Government, and of articles produced or manufactured by the people, in the provinces inhabited by Moros and other non-Christian tribes: to assist the inhabitants of said provinces to find market for their labor; to stimulate the interest of persons outside of the Philippine Islands in products, and values of articles the product, of Moro and other non-Christian provinces; to ascertain the designs, forms, methods of manufacture, and selection of material most likely to obtain a ready market for such articles as are or can be manufactured in the schools and by the people of the said Moro and other non-Christian provinces; and to give such information to the Bureau of Education as will enable it to standardize and direct its instruction toward the production and manufacture of articles of a readily saleable nature; to maintain an office at which pertinent information may be given to tourists or visitors to the Philippine Islands: to make public practical information in regard to the business of the agency; and to buy and sell such articles as may be necessary to carry out the intentions of this Act.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the construction and equipment of a suitable building for the agency, to be located at some point designated by the Governor-General.

SEC. 3. The administration of this agency shall lie vested in a Sales Agency Hoard of five members, composed of the Secretary of Public Instruction, who shall be ex officio chairman, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, one other member of the Philippine Commission, and one other person to be designated by the Governor-General, who shall be known as the Sales Agent. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare and promulgate necessary rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act; to authorize the employment of such traveling agents, clerical force, and other labor as may be necessary; to authorize the expenditure of funds herein designated as available for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the agency; to fix and regulate the rates of commission which the agency shall charge upon the different classes of transactions; to exercise general supervision over the affairs of the agency.

SEC. 4. The Sales Agent of the Board, acting under the direction of the Board, shall have charge of the operation of the agency. The shall receive a compensation of four thousand eight hundred pesos annually, and a percentage of the gross business of the agency, to be fixed by the Board.