

[Act No. 1657, May 18, 1907]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION FIVE OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MANILA TO LEASE OR SELL FOR HOTEL PURPOSES THE TRACT OF LAND ON THE LUNETA EXTENSION DESCRIBED IN SAID SECTION, AND PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH BIDDING FOR THE LEASE OR PURCHASE OF SAID LAND MAY BE MADE, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH IT MAY BE LEASED OR SOLD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section five of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and sixty is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The city of Manila is hereby authorized to set aside a tract of the reclaimed land formed by the Luneta extension authorized by his Act at the north end of said tract, not to exceed five hundred feet by six hundred feet in size, for a hotel site, and to lease the same, with the approval of the Governor-General, to a responsible person or corporation for a term of not to exceed ninety-nine years. Such lease shall be made to the person or corporation who, in the opinion of the Municipal Board and the Governor-General, shall make the highest and best bid for the same. Should the Municipal Board of the city of Manila deem it advisable it is hereby authorized to advertise for sale and to sell said tract of land to the highest and best bidder therefor upon the following terms and conditions, which shall be set out in the deed conveying said tract, to the successful bidder, to wit:

"(1) That the grantee, his heirs, executors, administrators, sue- —terms of lease. censors, or assigns, shall construct on said tract, in accordance with plans and specifications duly approved" by the Consulting Architect, a first-class hotel, the reasonable cost of which construction shall not be less than four hundred thousand pesos. The cost of the construction of the hotel shall be determined by the Auditor for the Philippine Islands after an examination of the construction accounts, books, and vouchers of the grantee, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors,, or assigns, and the decision and determination of the Auditor in that behalf shall be final unless an appeal be taken to the Governor-General from such decision and determination of the Auditor, in which case the decision and determination of the Governor-General shall be final.

(2) That the actual construction of the said hotel building or buildings shall begin within six months after the city engineer shall have certified to the grantee, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, that construction work on said tract may properly be commenced, and said hotel shall be fully completed according to said plans and specifications,