

[Act No. 1715, September 18, 1907]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A CONTINUING ANNUAL AND REIMBURSABLE APPROPRIATION TO MEET THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSULAR GOVERNMENT INCURRED BY REASON OF CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NUMBERED THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND TEN, AND OF OTHER SIMILAR CONTRACTS HEREIN PROVIDED FOR.

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

SECTION 1. A continuing annual appropriation of two hundred and thirty thousand pesos is hereby made, from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and denied by resolutions of the Philippine Commission dated April thirtieth, May fifteenth, July eleventh, and July twenty-first, nineteen hundred and six, and August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, and such other contracts as are authorized by Termination. this Act: *Provided, however,* That this appropriation shall terminate at the expiration of five years after the execution of the contract authorized and executed July twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and six, under Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce and Police is hereby authorized to modify or renew the aforesaid contracts when necessary, or to enter into new contracts at any time on the general terms and conditions set forth in section one of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten: *Provided, however,* That—

- (a) Bids therefor need not be advertised for in the United States;
- (b) Such contracts shall be approved by the Governor-General in place of the Philippine Commission;
- (c) No contract shall be entered into or renewed for a period extending beyond July twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and eleven.

Such contracts may contain a provision for the payment of subsidies from this appropriation to the contracting steamship companies: *Provided, however,* That the total subsidy payments called for by the terms of the contracts entered into under the authority of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten and the resolutions mentioned in the first section of this Act, and the contracts authorized by this section, shall in no year exceed the funds available under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. This appropriation shall be disbursed in accordance with the general provisions of law governing the disbursement of Insular funds and Act "Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and shall be reimbursable appropriation to the credit of which shall be deposited all fines or payments to be made by the contractors under the terms and conditions of the contracts; and the unexpended balance in any year shall be credited to the appropriation for the following year.

SEC. 4. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed