

[Act No. 1754, October 09, 1907]

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE FORGING, COUNTERFEITING, ALTERING, OR FRAUDULENT MAKING OF OBLIGATIONS AND SECURITIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, OR OF THE CIRCULATING NOTES ISSUED BY ANY BANKING ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; TO PROHIBIT THE USING OF PLATES TO PRINT NOTES WITHOUT AUTHORITY, THE PASSING, SELLING, AND CONCEALING OF FORGED OBLIGATIONS, THE TAKING OF IMPRESSIONS OF TOOLS, IMPLEMENTS, AND SO FORTH, THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF SUCH IMPRESSIONS, THE BUYING, SELLING, OR DEALING IN FORGED NOTES, BONDS, AND SO FORTH, THE SECRETING OR REMOVING OF TOOLS OR MATERIAL USED FOR PRINTING BONDS, NOTES, STAMPS, AND SO FORTH; TO PROHIBIT THE COUNTERFEITING OF GOLD AND SILVER COIN, THE COUNTERFEITING OF MINOR COINS, THE MUTILATION OF COINS, THE DEBASEMENT OF COINAGE, THE MAKING OR UTTERING OF COIN IN RESEMBLANCE OF MONEY, AND MAKING OR ISSUING DEVICES OF MINOR COINS; TO PROHIBIT THE FORGING OR COUNTERFEITING OF NOTES, BONDS, SECURITIES, OR BANK NOTES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, OR THE PASSING OR POSSESSION OF SUCH FORGED OR COUNTERFEITED BONDS, NOTES, SECURITIES, OR BANK NOTES; THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OR PRINTING FROM PLATES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR BANKS; TO PROHIBIT USING THE MAILS WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD, OR MAILING OFFERS TO SELL COUNTERFEIT MONEY, AND SO FORTH; TO PROHIBIT THE COUNTERFEITING OR MANUFACTURE OF DIES, MOLDS, AND SO FORTH, USED FOR MAKING MONEY; TO PROHIBIT USING ADVERTISEMENTS SIMILAR TO COINS; TO AUTHORIZE SEIZURE, FORFEITURE, AND DISPOSITION OF COUNTERFEITS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Every person who, with intent to defraud, falsely makes or Philippine makes, forges, counterfeits, or alters any obligation or security of the United States or of the Philippine Islands shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos and by imprisonment for not more than fifteen years.

The words "obligation or security of the United States or of the Philippine Islands" shall be held to mean all bonds, certificates of indebtedness, national-bank currency, coupons, United States or Philippine Islands notes. Treasury notes, fractional notes, certificates of deposit, bills, checks, or drafts for money, drawn by or upon authorized officers of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, stamps and other representatives of value, of whatever denomination, which have been or may be issued under any Act of the Congress of the United States or of the Philippine Commission or of any Insular legislative body of the Philippine Islands.

SEC. 2. Every person who falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits, or causes or procures to be made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aids or assists in falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting, any note in imitation of, or purporting to be in imitation of, the circulating notes issued by any banking association now or hereafter authorized and acting under the laws of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, or who passes, utters, or publishes, or attempts to pass, utter, or publish, any false, forged, or counterfeited note, purporting to be issued by any such association doing a banking business, knowing the same to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or who falsely alters, or causes or procures to be falsely altered, or willingly aids or assists in falsely altering, any such circulating notes, or passes, utters, or publishes, or attempts to pass, as true any falsely altered or spurious circulating importing to have been issued, by any such banking the same to be falsely altered or spurious, shall line of not more than two thousand pesos and by r not less than five years nor more than fifteen years.

SEC. 3. Every person having control, custody, or possession of or any part thereof, from which has been printed, or which prepared by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the Tinted States or by direction of the proper officer of the Philippine Islands, for the purpose of printing, any obligation or other security of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, as the case may be or from which any such obligation or other security has been printed, who uses such plate, or knowingly suffers the same to be used for the purpose of printing any such obligation or security, or similar obligation or security, or other security, or any part thereof, except as may be printed for the use of the United States or of the Philippine Islands by order of the proper officer thereof; and every person who engraves, or causes or procures to be engraved, or assist in engraving, any plate in the likeness of any plate designed for the printing of such obligations or other security, or who sells any Midi plate, or who brings into the Philippine Islands from any outside place any such plate, except under the direction of the proper office of the Philippines, or with any other intent, in either case, than that such plate be used for the printing of the obligation or other securities of the Philippine Islands; or who has in his control, custody, or possession any metallic plate engraved after the similitude of any plate from which any such obligation, or other security has been printed, with intent to use such plate or suffer the same to be used in forging or counterfieting any such obligation or other security, or other part thereof; or who has in his possession or custody except under authority from the proper officer Philippine Islands, any obligation or other security, engraved and printed after the similitude of any obligation or other security issued under the authority of the United States or of the Philippines Islands, with intent to sell or otherwise use the same; and every person who prints, photographs, or in any other manner makes or executes, or cause to be printed, photographed, made or executed, or aids in printing, photographing, making or executing any engraving, photograph, print or impression in the likeness of any such obligation or other security, or any part thereof, or who sells any such engraving, photograph, print or impression, except to the United States or the Philippine Islands, or who brings into the Philippine Islands from any outside place any such engraving, photograph, print, or impression, except by direction of some proper officer of the Philippine Islands, or who has retains in his control or possession, after a distinctive paper has been adopted by the proper officer of the Philippine Islands for the obligations and other securities of the Philippine Islands, any similar paper adapted to the making of any such obligation or other security, except under the authority of the proper officer of the Philippine Islands, shall be

punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. Every person who, with intent to defraud, passes, utters, publishes, or sells, or attempts to pass, utter, publish, or sell, or brings into the Philippine Islands with intent to pass, publish, utter, or sell, or keeps in possession or conceals with like intent any falsely made, forged, counterfeited, or altered obligation, or other security of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos and by imprisonment for not more than fifteen years.

SEC. 5. Every person who, without authority from the United States or the Philippine Islands as the case may be, takes, procures, or makes, upon lead, foil, wax, plaster, paper, or any other substance or material, an impression, stamp, or imprint of, from, or by the use of any bedplate, bedpiece, die, roll, plate, seal, type, or other tool, implement, instrument, or thing used or fitted or intended to be used, in printing, stamping, or impressing, or in making other tools, implements, instruments, or things, to be used, or fitted or intended to be used, in printing, stamping, or impressing any kind or description of obligation or other security of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, now authorized or hereafter to be authorized by the United States or the Philippine Islands, or circulating note or evidence of debt of any banking association under the laws thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 6. Every person who, with intent to defraud, has in his possession, keeping, custody or control, without authority from the United States or the Philippine Islands, as the case may be, any imprint, stamp, or impression, taken or made upon any substance or material whatsoever, of any tool, implement, instrument, or thing, used, or fitted or intended to be used, for any of the purposes mentioned in the preceding section; or who, with intent to defraud, sells, gives, or delivers any such imprint, stamp, or impression to any other person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than ten years.

SEC. 7. Every person who buys, sells, exchanges, transfers, receives, or delivers any false, forged, counterfeited, or altered obligation or other security of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, or circulating note of any banking association organized or acting under the laws thereof, which has been or may hereafter be issued by virtue of any Act of the Congress of the United States or of the Philippine Commission or of any Insular legislative body of the Philippine Islands, with the intent that the same be passed, published, or used as true and genuine, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 8. Every person who, without authority from the United States or the Philippine Islands, as the case may be, secretes within, embezzles, or takes and carries away from, any building, room, office, apartment, vault, safe, or other place where the same is kept, used, employed, placed, lodged, or deposited by authority of the United States or the Philippine Islands, any bedpiece, bedplate, roll, plate, die, seal,

type, or other tool, implement, or thing used or fitted to be used in stamping or printing, or in making some other tool or implement used or fitted to be used in stamping or printing, any kind or description of bond, bill, note, certificate, coupon, postage stamp, revenue stamp, fractional-currency note, or other paper, instrument, obligation, device, or document, now or hereafter authorized by law to be printed, stamped, sealed, prepared, issued, tittered, or put in circulation on behalf of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, or who, without such authority, so secretes, embezzles, or takes and carries away any paper, parchment, or other material prepared and intended to be used in the making of any such papers, instruments, obligations, devices, or documents, or who, without such authority, so secretes, embezzles, or takes and carries away any paper, parchment, or other material printed or stamped, in whole or part, and intended to be prepared, issued, or put in circulation on behalf of the United States or of the Philippine Islands as one of the papers, instruments, or obligations hereinbefore named, or printed or stamped, in whole or part, in the similitude of any such paper, instrument, or obligation, whether intended to issue or put the same in circulation or not, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. Every person who falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits, or causes or procures to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aids or assists in falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting any coin or liars in resemblance or similitude of the gold or silver coins or bars which have been, or hereafter may be, coined or stamped at the mints and assay offices of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, or in resemblance or similitude of any foreign gold or silver coin which by law is, or hereafter may be, current in the United States or the Philippine Islands, or are in actual use and circulation as money within the United States or the Philippine Islands, or who passes, utters, publishes, or sells, or attempts to pass, utter, publish, or sell, or bring into the Philippine Islands from any outside place, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeit, with intent to defraud any body politic or corporate, or any person or persons whatsoever, or has in his possession any such false, forged, or counterfeited coin or bars, knowing the same to be false, forced, or counterfeited, with intent to defraud any body politic or corporate, or any person or persons whatsoever, shall be punished by a hue of not more than ten thousand pesos and by imprisonment, for not more than ten years.

SEC. 10. Every person who falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits, or causes or procures to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aids or assists in falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting any coin in the resemblance or similitude of any of the minor coinage which has been or hereafter may be coined at the mints of the United States or of the Philippine Islands; or who passes, utters, publishes, or sells, or brings into the Philippine Islands from any outside place, or has in his possession, any such false, forged, or counterfeited coin, with intent to defraud any person whatsoever, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand pesos and by imprisonment for not more than three years.

SEC. 11. Every person who fraudulently, by any art, way, or means, decreases, mutilates, impairs, diminishes, falsifies, scales, or stiver coins. lightens, or causes or procures to be fraudulently defaced, mutilated, unpaired, diminished, falsified, scaled, or lightened, or willingly aids or assists in fraudulently defacing, mutilating,