

## [ Act No. 1573, December 13, 1906 ]

### **AN ACT EXTENDING FROM JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVEN, TO JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINE, THE TIME WITHIN WHICH FREE PATENTS MAY BE GRANTED TO NATIVE SETTLERS UPON UNRESERVED AND UNAPPROPRIATED AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC LANDS.**

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

SECTION 1. Any native of the Philippine Islands now an occupant and cultivator of unreserved and unappropriated agricultural public lands, as defined by the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, who has continuously occupied and cultivated such lands either by himself or through his ancestors since August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, or, who, prior to August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, continuously occupied and cultivated such lands for three years immediately prior to said date, and who has been continuously since July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, until the date of the taking effect of this Act. and occupier and cultivator of such lands, shall be entitled to have a patent issued to him without compensation for such tract of land, not exceeding sixteen hectares, in the manner provided in Chapter Four of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, "The Public Land Act," provided that his application therefor be filed as provided in said chapter prior to January first, nineteen hundred and nine, instead of January first, nineteen hundred and seven, as now provided by section thirty-three of "The Public Land Act," and said section thirty-three is hereby so amended that the words "nineteen hundred and seven" shall be stricken out and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the words "nineteen hundred and nine."

SEC. 2. 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 September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 13, 1900.



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