

[Act No. 611, February 02, 1903]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL GOVERNOR TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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

Whereas the Act of Congress, approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," provides in section four thereof "That all inhabitants of the Philippine Islands continuing to reside therein who were Spanish subjects on the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and then resided in said Islands, and their children born subsequent thereto, shall be deemed and held to be citizens of the Philippine Islands and as such entitled to the protection of the United States, except such as shall have elected to preserve their allegiance to the Crown of Spain in accordance with the provisions of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain signed at Paris December tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight:

SECTION 1. The Civil Governor is hereby authorized to issue passports to the persons thereby made citizens of the Philippine Islands, identifying said persons as such citizens and as entitled to the protection of the United States by virtue of the provision of law above set forth.

SEC. 2. The Civil Governor shall prescribe the form of and rules governing the issuance of these documents, which shall be known and referred to as "Philippine passports."

SEC. 3. A fee of two dollars in money of the United States shall be charged for each passport issued hereunder. Such fees shall be paid to the disbursing officer of the Executive Bureau, who shall keep an account of same and who shall forthwith deposit same in the Insular Treasury.

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 September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, February 2, 1903.



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