

[Act No. 610, February 02, 1903]

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF AN INSULAR CONSTABULARY AND FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE," AS AMENDED.

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

SECTION 1. Section six of Act Numbered One hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act providing for the organization and government of an Insular Constabulary and for the the inspection of the municipal police," is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "The guns, revolvers, and ammunition needed to equip the insular and municipal police shall be purchased by the Insular Purchasing Agent on the order of the Chief of Philippines Constabulary. The arms and ammunition thus purchased shall be distributed to the constabulary of each province by the Chief of Philippines Constabulary as they may be needed. Arms and ammunition may be distributed to the municipal police by the governors of the provinces on the specific approval of the Civil Governor and upon the making of such provision for their payment, or the payment of part of the cost thereof, out of the provincial or municipal treasuries as may seem proper to the Civil Governor. The Chief of Philippines Constabulary shall deliver the necessary arms and ammunition to each municipality upon order of the provincial governor approved by the Civil Governor, and the municipal president shall receipt for the arms to the Chief of Philippine Constabulary. The provincial governor shall have the authority, and it shall be his duty, to exact and accept a sufficient bond, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Civil Governor, in each case, from the president and councilors of each town to which such arms and ammunition may be distributed, conditioned that the same shall be delivered upon order of the provincial or the Civil Governor to the Insular Government and shall not be lost or taken from the municipal police authorized to use them and into whose custody they shall be delivered. The Civil Governor and the governor of the province shall each have the power to disarm the municipal police of any pueblo of the province, and it shall be the duty of the provincial governor to do so whenever he thinks that there is danger that the arms will be lost or captured by ladrones. The disarming shall be effected through the Constabulary, the inspectors of which on duty in the province shall comply with the orders of either the Civil Governor or the provincial governor, as the case may be."

SEC. 2. Section nine of said Act shall be amended by adding the following: "Whenever an inspector of Constabulary on duty in one province shall, in the pursuit of criminals, enter the borders of an adjacent province he shall as soon as possible, and before entering if practicable, notify the governor of the province entered and the inspector of Constabulary therein and, unless he has good reason for not doing so, he shall also notify the president of the town whose territory he thus enters of his presence and of the purpose of his coming."

SEC. 3. Section thirteen of said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: