

[Act No. 812, July 31, 1903]

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE OF THREE TO INVESTIGATE THE USE OF OPIUM AND THE TRAFFIC THEREIN, BY PROVIDING THAT THE CIVIL GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF SAID COMMITTEE, AND BY INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Eight hundred, entitled "An Act providing for the appointment of a committee of three to visit Japan, Formosa, Upper Burmah, and Java, and such other countries as the Civil Governor may designate, for the purpose of investigating the use of opium and the traffic therein, and the rules, ordinances, and laws regulating such use and traffic, and to make a report of their conclusions to the Philippine Commission," is hereby amended by inserting at the close of said section the following: "In the appointment of the committee the Civil Governor shall designate the member of the committee who shall act as chairman thereof."

SEC. 2. Section four of said Act Numbered Eight hundred is hereby amended by striking out of the second line of said section the words "two hundred and fifty dollars" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "four hundred dollars," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Each member of such committee shall receive a compensation at the rate of four hundred dollars, United States currency, per month, together with his actual, reasonable, and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of the duties prescribed by this Act: *Provided*, That the compensation prescribed by this section shall not be paid to any member of the committee who is an officer or employee in the public service of the Insular Government, or whose salary or compensation is fixed by law or regulation: *Provided further*, That if a provincial official is appointed he may renounce his provincial salary while engaged in this service and receive the salary provided by this Act."

SEC. 3. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same 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. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, July 31, 1903.

