

[Act No. 198, August 12, 1901]

AN ACT PROVIDING THE METHOD FOR FURNISHING OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE INSULAR, PROVINCIAL, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE CITY OF MANILA, AND TO AND FROM THE CITY OF MANILA FROM AND TO THE PROVINCES.

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

SECTION 1. After the first of September, nineteen hundred and one, all official transportation in the city of Manila, for the heads of Departments and Bureaus, or employees thereof, whether of the Insular Government or the government of the city of Manila, shall be furnished in the following manner and no other:

The Insular Purchasing Agent shall, either from the horses and vehicles the property of the Insular Government which are now on hand, or by purchase, provide quilezes or carromatas and horses and harnesses sufficient to provide for actual official needs of all the Bureaus or Departments, and shall station such vehicles and horses in front of the public buildings in which the Departments or Bureaus are, to be available during office hours for official use. The vehicles shall be in charge of an agent of the Purchasing Agent, who shall, upon application, assign a carromata or quilez for the particular service to be performed.

SEC. 2. The Purchasing Agent shall provide a suitable stable and carriage house in which to stable the horses and keep the vehicles at the expense of the insular Government, and is authorized to employ the stable boss, drivers, stable boys, and other employees necessary for this purpose.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Agent shall on or before September first take possession of all horses and carriages now owned by the Insular Government and furnished for the official use of the heads of Departments or Bureaus, or of employees thereof, and use such of them as are adapted to carry out the provisions of section one hereof. All two-horse carriages and harnesses and also such other vehicles and horses so owned and furnished as are not useful for the purposes of this Act. He is authorized and directed to offer at public sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, after advertisement in two newspapers of Manila, one English and one Spanish, for ten days, and the proceeds shall be deposited in the Insular Treasury.

SEC. 4. It is the purpose and intent of this Act that quilezes and carromatas furnished hereunder shall be used only on official business and not for the convenience or private use of the officers and employees to whom they may be assigned, and in pursuance thereof, use of such vehicles after the usual office hours is strictly prohibited, unless necessity for such use on official business is certified to by the head of the Bureau or Department. Use of such vehicles for transportation to or from the residence of the head of the Department or Bureau, or that of any officer or employee, to his office, in the morning, at noon, or in the evening, is not to be regarded as official business and is expressly prohibited.

SEC. 5. In the case of the three members of the Municipal Board of Manila, the City