

[Commonwealth Act No. 653, June 21, 1941]

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION AND FINGERPRINTING OF ALIENS.

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. Aliens residing in the Philippines shall, within thirty days after the approval of this Act, apply for registration and fingerprinting, in the case of those residing in the City of Manila, at the Bureau of Immigration, and in the case of those residing in other localities, at the offices of the city or municipal treasurers, or at any other office designated by the President.

Aliens entering the Philippines shall, in the case of those entering at the port of Manila, be registered and fingerprinted at the Bureau of Immigration, and in the case of those entering at other ports, at the office of the immigration inspectors at the port at which the aliens have landed.

The parent or legal guardian of an alien who is less than fourteen years of age, shall have the duty of registering such alien: Provided, That whenever any such alien attains his fourteenth birthday in the Philippines he shall, within fifteen days thereafter, apply in person for registration and fingerprinting.

No accredited official of a foreign government recognized by the United States, or member of his official staff and family, or citizen of the United States, shall be required to be registered or fingerprinted.

SEC. 2. The Commissioner of Immigration, with the approval of the Department Head, is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act, including the registration and fingerprinting of alien seamen, aliens confined in institutions in the Philippines, aliens under orders of deportation, and aliens of any other class not lawfully admitted into the Philippines for permanent residence, and from time to time, always with the approval of the Department Head, to amend such rules and regulations.

All registration and fingerprinting records of every alien shall be forwarded for file and record to the Bureau of Immigration.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner of Immigration shall prepare forms for the registration and fingerprinting of aliens under this Act. Such forms shall contain the name, age, date and place of birth, citizenship, civil status, and if married, name of spouse, number, and age of children, if any, of the alien, his residence both permanent and temporary, occupation, particulars of the date and place of entry of such alien into the Philippines, activities in which he has been and intends to engage, the length of time he expects to remain in the Philippines, his criminal record, if any, and such additional matters as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Immigration. The forms shall also call for presentation of passport size photographs of the alien to be registered, one of which shall be attached to his registration and fingerprint record, to be forwarded to the Bureau of Immigration, one to be retained for the records of the official before whom registration is effected, and one to his certificate of registration as hereinafter provided.