

## RECENT LEGISLATIONS

### REPUBLIC ACT No. 104

AN ACT REQUIRING CORPORATIONS, AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY TAXES, DUTIES, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. All corporations, agencies or instrumentalities owned or controlled by the Government shall pay such duties, taxes, fees and other charges upon their transaction, business, industry, sale or income as are imposed by law upon individuals, associations or corporations engaged in any taxable business, industry, or activity, except on goods or commodities imported or purchased and sold or distributed for relief purposes as may be determined by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 2, 1947.

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### REPUBLIC ACT No. 107

AN ACT SETTING A NEW TIME LIMIT WITHIN WHICH IMPERFECT OR INCOMPLETE TITLES COVERING LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN MAY BE JUDICIALLY CONFIRMED,

AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS FORTY-FIVE AND FORTY-SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC LAND ACT, AS AMENDED BY COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Sections forty-five and forty-seven of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-one, otherwise known as the Public Land Act as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-two are further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 45. The President, upon recommendation by the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, shall from time to time fix by proclamation the period within which applications for free patents may be filed in the district, chartered city, province, municipality, or region specified in such proclamation, and upon the expiration of the period so designated, unless the same be extended by the President, all the land comprised within such district, chartered city, province, municipality, or region subject thereto under the provisions of this chapter may be disposed of as agricultural public land without prejudice to the prior right of the occupant and cultivator to acquire such land under this Act by means other than free patent. The time to

be fixed in the entire Archipelago for the filing of applications under this chapter shall not extend beyond December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, except in the Province of Agusan, Cotabato, Bukidnon, Lanao, Davao, Sulu, and Mountain Province, where the President of the Philippines shall determine or fix the time beyond which the filing of applications under this chapter shall not extend. The period fixed for any district, chartered city, province or municipality shall begin to run thirty days after the publication of the proclamation in the Official Gazette. A certified copy of said proclamation shall be furnished to the Director of Lands and to the provincial board and the municipal board or city council affected, and copies thereof shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Bureau of Lands at Manila and at conspicuous places in the provincial building and the municipal building. It shall, moreover, be announced by crier in each of the barrios of the municipality."

"SEC. 47. The persons specified in the next following section are hereby granted time, not to extend beyond December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven within which to take advantage of the benefit of this chapter: *Provided*, That the several periods of time designated by the President in accordance with section forty-five of this Act shall apply also to the lands comprised in the provisions of this chapter, but this section shall not be construed as prohibiting

any of said persons from acting under this chapter at any time prior to the period fixed by the President."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 2, 1947.

#### REPUBLIC ACT NO. 120

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE THREE HUNDRED AND TEN OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Article Three hundred and ten of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and fifteen, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 310. QUALIFIED THEFT.— The crime of theft shall be punished by the penalties next higher by two degrees than those respectively specified in the next preceding article, if committed by a domestic servant, or with grave abuse of confidence, or if the property stolen is motor vehicle, mail matter or large cattle or consists of coconuts taken from the premises of a plantation, or fish taken from a fish-pond or fishery."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 14, 1947.

