REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2711

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2711 - AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN RELATIVE TO REGISTRATION OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES

Section 1. Section one hundred and ninety-eight of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by Republic Act Numbered One hundred and sixteen, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 198. Registration of chattel mortgages and fees collectible in connection therewith. — Every register of deeds shall keep a primary entry book and a registration book for chattel mortgages; shall certify on each mortgage filed for record, as well as on its duplicate, the date, hour, and minute when the same was by him received; and shall record in such books any chattel mortgage, assignment, or discharge thereof, and any other instruments relating to a recorded mortgage, and shall such instruments shall be presented to him in duplicate, the original to be filed and the duplicate to be returned to the person concerned.

"The recording of a mortgage shall be effected by making an entry, which shall be given a correlative number, setting forth the names of the mortgagee and the mortgagor, the sum or obligation guaranteed, date of the instrument, name of the notary before whom it was sworn to or acknowledged, and a note that the property mortgaged, as well as the terms and conditions of the mortgage, is mentioned in detail in the instrument filed, giving the proper file number thereof. The recording of other instruments relating to a recorded mortgage shall be effected by way of annotations on the space provided therefor in the registration book, after the same shall have been entered in the primary entry book.

"The register of deeds shall also certify the officer's return of sale upon any mortgage, making reference upon the record of such officer's return to the volume and page of the record of the mortgage, and a reference of such return on the record of the mortgage itself, and give a certified copy thereof, when requested, upon payment of the lawful fees for such copy; and certify upon each mortgage officer's return of sale or discharge of mortgage, and upon any other instrument relating to such a recorded mortgage, both on the original and on the duplicate, the date, hour, and minute when the same is received for record and record such certificate with the return itself, and keep an alphabetical index of mortgagees and mortgagees, which record and index shall be open to public inspection.

"Duly certified copies of such records and of filed instruments shall be receivable as evidence in any court."
"The register of deeds shall collect the following fees for services rendered by him under this section:

"(a) For entry or presentation of any document in the primary entry book, one peso. Supporting papers presented together with the principal document need not be charged any entry or presentation fee unless the party in interest desires that they be likewise entered.

"(b) For filing and recording each chattel mortgage, including the necessary certificates and affidavits, the fees established in the following schedule shall be collected:

"1. When the amount of the mortgage does not exceed six thousand pesos, three pesos and fifty centavos for the first five hundred pesos or fractional part thereof, and one peso and fifty centavos for each additional five hundred pesos or fractional part thereof.

"2. When the amount of the mortgage is more than six thousand pesos but does not exceed thirty thousand pesos, twenty-four pesos for the initial amount not exceeding eight thousand pesos, and four pesos for each additional two thousand pesos or fractional part thereof.

"3. When the amount of the mortgage is more than thirty thousand pesos but does not exceed one hundred thousand pesos, seventy-five pesos for the initial amount not exceeding thirty-five thousand pesos, and seven pesos for each additional five thousand pesos or fractional part thereof.

"4. When the amount of the mortgage is more than one hundred thousand pesos but does not exceed five hundred thousand pesos, one hundred and seventy-six pesos for the initial amount not exceeding one hundred ten thousand pesos, and ten pesos for each additional ten thousand pesos or fractional part thereof.

"5. When the amount of the mortgage is more than five hundred thousand pesos, five hundred eighty-one pesos for the initial amount not exceeding five hundred twenty thousand pesos, and fifteen pesos for each additional twenty thousand pesos or fractional part thereof: Provided, however, That registration of the mortgage in the province where the property is situated shall be sufficient registration: And provided, further, That if the mortgage is to be registered in more than one city or province, the register of deeds of the city or province where the instrument is first presented for registration shall collect the full amount of the fees due in accordance with the schedule prescribed above, and the register of deeds of the other city or province where the same instrument is also to be registered shall collect only a sum equivalent to twenty per centum of the amount of fees due and paid in the first city or province, but in no case shall the fees payable in any registry be less than the minimum fixed in said schedule.

"(c) For recording each instrument of sale, conveyance, or transfer of the property which is subject of a recorded mortgage, or of the assignment of mortgage credit, the fees established in the preceding schedule shall be collected on the basis of ten per centum of the amount of the mortgage or unpaid balance thereof: Provided, That the latter is stated in the instrument.

"(d) For recording each notice of attachment, including the necessary index and annotations, four pesos.
"(e) For recording each release of mortgage, including the necessary index and references, the fees established in the schedule under paragraph (b) above shall be collected on the basis of five per centum of the amount of the mortgage.

"(f) For recording each release of attachment, including the proper annotations, two pesos.

"(g) For recording each sheriff's return of sale, including the index and references, three pesos.

"(h) For recording a power of attorney, appointment of judicial guardian, administrator, or trustee, or any other instrument in which a person is given power to act in behalf of another in connection with a mortgage, three pesos.

"(i) For recording each instrument or other relating to a recorded mortgage, including the necessary index and references, for which no specific fee is provided above, two pesos.

"(j) For certified copies of records, such fees as are allowed by law for copies kept by the register of deeds.

"(k) For issuing a certificate relative to, or showing the existence or non-existence of, an entry in the registration book, or a document on file, for each such certificate containing not more than two hundred words, three pesos; if it exceeds that number, an additional fee of fifty centavos shall be collected for every one hundred words or fractional part thereof, in excess of the first two hundred words."

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect sixty days after its approval.

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