

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9245, February 19, 2004 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL EAR INSTITUTE  
WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act may be cited as the "Philippine Ear Research Institute Act of 2003."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is the policy of the State to undertake and promote scientific research in all areas of medicine and health care and to the extent possible, support and cooperate with research in highly specialized areas.

SEC. 3. *The Institute.* — There is hereby created within the National Institutes of Health, University of the Philippines, the Philippine National Ear Institute, hereinafter referred to as the "Institute."

SEC. 4. *Purpose.* — The Institute shall basically be involved in research activities. Its training, teaching and service activities are only complementary functions and must be carried out in the pursuit of research. It shall have the following purposes and functions:

- a. To conduct institution and community-based epidemiological studies related to deafness and balance disorders;
- b. To initiate, conduct, monitor and evaluate researches dealing with curative, rehabilitative and preventive aspects of hearing and vestibular disorders;
- c. To disseminate results of researches to serve as foundations for decision-making and regulatory policies of health institutions and other policy-making bodies;
- d. To provide an ideal research environment for staff, residents, fellows, students and other individuals involved in the study of hearing, balance and related functions coming from within and outside of the university;
- e. To promote, coordinate and integrate research activities between different institutions nationally and globally;
- f. To solicit and receive endowments, donations and grants and generate funds and resources from all possible sources necessary for the acquisition, maintenance, operation and upgrading of the facilities and other equipment to attain the stated objectives;
- g. To consolidate and reinforce existing government programs, projects and activities related to prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of people affected by ear diseases;