

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4368, June 19, 1965]

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION,
TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AUTHORIZING THE
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a National Historical Commission which shall be composed of a Chairman and four regular members and two *ex-officio* members, namely, the Director of Public Libraries and the Director of the National Museum: *Provided*, That the *ex-officio* members shall not receive any compensation and shall not have the right to vote.

SEC. 2. The Chairman and four members shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments. No one shall be appointed to any of these positions unless he be a citizen of the Philippines, at least thirty years old, at least a holder of a four-year college degree, and has distinguished himself in historical research and writing. The Chairman shall receive a compensation of twelve thousand pesos *per annum*, and the four members shall each receive eight thousand four hundred pesos *per annum*.

SEC. 3. The National Historical Commission shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Education. The Chairman and the four members shall hold office during good behavior until they reach retirement age or until they shall have been incapacitated to discharge their duties effectively.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the National Historical Commission:

- a. To publish or cause to have written or published the works of our national heroes and other great and good Filipinos;
- b. To compile from various sources here and abroad data on Philippine history and prepare and publish therefrom source books on Philippine history;
- c. For the purposes stated in subparagraphs (a) and (b), to enter into negotiations or agreements, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Education, with institutions of learning, learned societies and individuals for the purpose of securing original documents or copies, photostat and microfilms thereof, dealing with the Philippines : *Provided*, that any acquisition involved in excess of fifty thousand pesos shall be with the approval of the President of the Philippines;
- d. To gather and publish source books, reports, records and other valuable information relating to historic places, markets and events;
- e. To identify, designate and appropriately mark historic places in the Philippines and to cause the construction or reconstruction and to maintain and