

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4596, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT, ENTITLED "AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED BY EMPLOYEES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH OR ILLNESS CONTRACTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES," AS AMENDED BY ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWELVE, BY COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND TEN, AND BY REPUBLIC ACTS NUMBERED SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, AND FORTY ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN.**

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

SECTION 1. Section seven-A of Act Numbered Thirty-four hundred and twenty-eight, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Forty-one hundred and nineteen, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7-A. *Bureau of Workmen's Compensation and Workmen's Compensation Commission.*—The Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau, and the Workmen's Compensation Commission attached thereto for a close working relationship as constituted and organized under the provisions and authority of Republic Act Numbered Nine hundred ninety-seven, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Twelve hundred forty-one, shall continue to exercise the powers, functions and duties under Act Numbered Thirty-four hundred and twenty-eight, as amended: *Provided, however,* That the Workmen's Compensation Commission shall henceforth be composed of a chairman and three associate commissioners.

"The Chairman and two associate commissioners shall have the same qualifications as those of judges of the court of first instance. The new associate commissioner who shall also be known as the medical commissioner shall be a qualified doctor of medicine with experience in workmen's compensation work of at least ten years, to be appointed in the same manner and receive the same salary as the present associate commissioners.

"The funds necessary for the salary of the new associate commissioner shall be taken from the Workmen's Compensation Fund: *Provided,* That in the succeeding years, his salary shall be included in the national budget.

"Except as otherwise provided herein, the jurisdiction, powers and duties