

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2615, August 01, 1959]

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE,
ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMOTION OF
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND AND OTHER
HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND THEIR RETURN TO CIVIL
EMPLOYMENT," AND TO CREATE A NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
REHABILITATION.**

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), section seven of Republic Act Numbered One thousand one hundred seventy-nine, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Over-all supervision of the Pilot Adjustment and Training Center and all the regional training centers that may be established;"

SEC. 2. The second paragraph of subsection (c), section eight of Republic Act Numbered One thousand one hundred seventy-nine, is amended to read as follows:

"The Pilot Adjustment and Training Center and the regional training centers that may be established shall operate eight hours a day, five instruction days per week for a minimum duration of three months with individual extension possible up to a maximum of twelve months."

SEC. 3. Two new sections are inserted after section eight of Republic Act Numbered One thousand one hundred seventy-nine to read as follows:

"REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS"

"SEC. 8-A. (1) *Creation*.—To ensure that vocational rehabilitation services shall benefit the blind and other handicapped in the provinces, there shall be established, in addition to the now existing Pilot Adjustment and Training Center at Barranca, Cubao, Quezon City, according to the period hereinafter specified suitable regional adjustment and training centers for vocational rehabilitation, as follows:

"For the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixty, Region No. 1, comprising the provinces of Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, Abra, La Union, Mountain Province, Pangasinan, Zambales, Tarlac and the cities of Baguio and Dagupan, possibly in the regional headquarters at Dagupan City; and Region No. 7, comprising the Provinces of Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte and Sulu and the cities of Zamboanga, Ozamis and Basilan, possibly in the regional headquarters at Zamboanga City;

"For the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixty-one, Region No. 4, comprising the provinces of Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Catanduanes and Masbate and the City of Naga, possibly in the regional headquarters at Naga City; and Region No. 5, comprising the provinces of Negros Occidental, Romblon, Antique, Capiz, Aklan and Iloilo and the cities of Bacolod, Roxas and Iloilo, possibly in the regional headquarters at Iloilo City;

"For the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixty-two, Region No. 2, comprising the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Batanes, possibly in the regional headquarters at Tuguegarao, Cagayan, and Region No. 8, comprising the provinces of Surigao, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Lanao, Agusan, the cities of Davao, Butuan, Cagayan de Oro and Marawi, possibly in the regional headquarters at Cagayan de Oro City; and Region No. 9, comprising the provinces of Cotabato and Davao and the cities of Davao and Cotabato in the regional headquarters at Davao City.

"For the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixty-three, Region No. 3, comprising the provinces of Nueva Ecija, Pam-panga, Bulacan, Bataan, Rizal, Quezon, Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marindu-que and Palawan and the cities of Cabanatuan, Pasay, San Pablo, Tagaytay, Cavite, Trece Martires, Lipa, Quezon and Manila, possibly in San Pablo City; and Region No. 6, comprising the provinces of Negros Oriental, Bohol, Leyte, Samar and Cebu and the cities of Cebu, Dumaguete, Calbayog, Tacloban and Ormoc, possibly in the regional head- quarters at Cebu City.

"(2) The establishment of these regional adjustment and training centers shall be at the cost of at least fifty thousand pesos each and shall be patterned after that of the first pilot project now in operation. The funds for these constructions may be drawn from the fiduciary funds of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. And the operating expenses of all existing rehabilitation centers under the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation shall be incorporated in the General Appropriation Act to be marked as 'Special Purposes for Vocational Rehabilitation'.

"(3) The following shall compose the nucleus of the staff for such regional centers with the corresponding compensation:

"(a) One superintendent, at P3,984 *per annum*, range P43

"(b) One clerk, at P1,476 *per annum*, range P23

"(c) One intake social worker, at P1,884 *per annum*, rang P28

"(d) One social worker, at P1,884 *per annum*, range P28

"(e) One homebound social worker, at P1,884 *per annum*, range P28

"(f) Two vocational counselors, at P1,884 *per annum*, range P28

"(g) One part-time physician, at P1,800 *per annum*, range P27

"(h) One chief instructor, at P3,108 *per annum*, range P38-40

"(i) One Braille instructor at P1,716 *per annum*, range P24-32

"(j) One travel technique instructor at P1,716 *per annum*,