

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1815, June 22, 1957 ]**

**AN ACT TO CREATE THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER, REGULATE, AND CONTROL THE USE, APPLICATION, AND DISPOSITION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN ATOMIC ENERGY REACTOR; TO DETERMINE THE MANNER OF DEVELOPMENT, USE AND CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY, TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of carrying out the following functions, a Philippine Nuclear Energy Commission is hereby created:

1. To establish well-equipped laboratories for nuclear research and training manned by competent scientists and other personnel;
2. To encourage and directly undertake the training, of promising men in the field of nuclear science and to select and screen young Filipinos for government scholarships abroad in nuclear physics, nuclear chemistry, and nuclear biology in various levels according to their competence and preparation;
3. To coordinate the work of various research institutions and entities and various government bureaus, particularly the CDA and the AFP, in nuclear energy and its applications;
4. To represent the Philippines in atomic and nuclear energy conferences and dealings with, local as well as foreign entities in matters pertaining to nuclear energy and its applications;
5. To standardize commercial samples of radioactive materials, particularly those urgently needed in medicine and agriculture;
6. To approve and facilitate the procurement of radioactive materials and instruments used in nuclear laboratories free from government taxes and unnecessary delays;
7. To issue licenses for the use of radioactive, fissionable, and fertile materials, including processing as far as such work is not covered by the Mining Act;
8. To disseminate accurate information, on various levels, regarding nuclear energy by means of publications, lectures, symposia, conferences, and other means of communication suitable for the occasion.

SEC. 2. The Philippine Nuclear Energy Commission shall be composed of five members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, provided they have the necessary specified qualifications and subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments. The members shall be citizens of the Philippines, of legal age, of proper mental aptitude and scientific training and shall have passed the necessary security clearance. The chairman of said Nuclear Energy Commission shall have a

cabinet rank worthy of the importance of nuclear energy and its applications for the scientific progress of the Philippines in this new field.

The chairman and vice-chairman of the Commission shall have, in addition to the already stated qualifications, the necessary scientific and technical qualifications, a doctorate in physics and/or chemistry, and a broad professional background. The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be four (4) years, as follows: one for one year, another for two years, the third for three years, and the last two for four years; and any member pointed to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term of his predecessor shall be appointed only for the remaining period of the term.

The President of the Philippines may remove from office any member of the Commission, after hearing for cause, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, disloyalty or gross misconduct in office, or conviction of crimes involving national security, in accordance with existing laws.

The chairman and the vice-chairman shall be full-time members of the Commission and shall receive an annual compensation of twenty-four thousand pesos and eighteen thousand pesos, respectively, and the other members shall receive a *per diem* compensation of sixty pesos for each meeting attended, and all members shall be entitled to necessary traveling and other expenses while engaged in the work of the Commission.

SEC. 3. There is hereby created a Technical Advisory Committee to advise, collectively or individually, the Commission on scientific and technical matters relating to minerals, materials, production, and research and development to be composed of nine members who shall be appointed by the President, upon recommendation of the Philippine Nuclear Energy Commission, and shall include one each of (a) physicist, (b) chemist, (c) engineer, (d) doctor of medicine, (e) agriculturist, (f) biologist, (g) industrialist, (h) economist, and (i) pharmacist. The members of this Technical Advisory Committee shall receive a *per diem* of fifty pesos and transportation expenses.

The Commission is empowered to request the services of any qualified person in the Philippines, whenever such services are indispensable to the Commission, under the same conditions as any member of the Technical Advisory Committee.

SEC. 4. The chairman, with the approval of the Commission, shall appoint an Executive Secretary, a Director of Research, and a Director of Regulation Services, any other such personnel as the chiefs for the following divisions: (a) under the Director of Research, the Division of Reactor Design and Operation, the Division of Nuclear Physics, the Division on Isotope Works, and the Training Division; and (b) under the Director of Regulation Services, the Medical Services Division, Agricultural Services Division, Industrial Services Division, Legal and Administrative Division, Procurement and Disposal of Radioactive Materials Division, and such other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. The Commission shall be empowered to fix compensation and terms of office of these officers, unless covered by the civil service regulations.

SEC. 5. The Philippine Nuclear Energy Commission shall: