

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1884, June 22, 1957]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT ARSENAL, PROVIDE FOR ITS OPERATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*—The Government hereby declares it its policy to achieve within a reasonable time self-sufficiency in small arms, mortars, and other weapons, ammunition for these weapons, and other monitions for the use of the military establishments.

SEC. 2. *Designation of Agency; Creation of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions.*—

- a. In addition to the functions and duties vested in him by existing laws, the Secretary of National Defense will exercise supervision and control over the government arsenal and is hereby authorized to establish, operate and maintain such an arsenal, as well as accessory plants for the continued and efficient operation of this arsenal, for the design, research, development of production technique, manufacture and repair of small arms, mortars and other weapons, ammunition for these weapons, and other munitions.
- b. There is created in the Department of National Defense an Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions. The Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions will be charged with the responsibility of making continuous study of and to advise the Secretary of National Defense on all matters pertaining to the design, development, manufacture, procurement, stockpiling, and allocation of small arms, mortars and other weapons, ammunition for these weapons, and other munitions; to recommend policies, rules and regulations to the Secretary of National Defense for the efficient operation, maintenance and security of the government arsenal; and to devise ways and means for the efficient mobilization of civilian industry to augment the production of the government arsenal in an emergency.

The Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions shall appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments and receive an annual compensation of nine thousand pesos.

- c. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Defense, the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions will have such number of military and civilian personnel as the Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions may deem necessary by detail, whenever possible, from the Armed Forces of the Philippines.
- d. No person shall be appointed Undersecretary of Defense for Munitions unless he be a natural born citizen of the Philippines, a person with technical