

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1600, July 11, 1956**]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX TO JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. **Appropriation of funds.**—The following sums or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines during the period from July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, except where otherwise specifically provided:

[**Itemized portions on salaries and wages and other expenditures omitted for lack of space**]

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 2. **Authority to pay salaries not in conformity with the prescribed grades or rates of compensation.**—Payment to incumbent employees of salaries the rates of which are not in conformity with the schedule of grades or rates of compensation provided in section three of Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred and two, as amended, is hereby authorized: PROVIDED, That new appointments, whether original or promotional, to positions not carrying the salary rates prescribed in Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred and two, as amended, shall be made only at rates authorized in the said Act.

SEC. 3. **Personnel in the classified Civil Service not to be affected by the adoption of the Performance Budget.**—The adoption of the budgetary system based on functions, activities and projects in terms of expected results in the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Land Registration Commission, Bureau of Lands, Bureau of Telecommunications, Bureau of Public Libraries, Bureau of Labor, Wage Administration Service, Industrial Safety Engineering Division, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Health, Bureau of Commerce, Institute of Science and Technology, Philippine Normal College, Central Luzon Agricultural College, Philippine College of Commerce, Mindanao Agricultural College and Mindanao Institute of Technology, shall neither result in any manner in the laying off of personnel in the classified Civil Service except for cause as provided by law nor in the reduction of actual salaries of incumbents or demotion in rank or change of status.

SEC. 4. **Appendix covering Plantillas of Personnel.**—The appendix containing

the plantillas of personnel in the different bureaus and offices whose budgets are presented pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 992, is hereby made part of, this Act.

SEC. 5. Authority to use savings in appropriations to cover deficits.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any savings in the regular appropriations authorized in this Act for the Executive Departments for "personal services" for "maintenance and other operating expenses" and for "furniture and equipment" of the bureaus and offices under any Department, may, with the approval of the President, be used to cover a deficit in any other item of the regular appropriations, except for personal services, under the same Department: PROVIDED, That whenever authorized positions are transferred from one "program to another, the corresponding amounts appropriated for personal services are also deemed transferred, without increasing the total outlay for personal services of the office concerned. In no case, however, shall any item of appropriations be augmented, pursuant to the authority granted in this section, by more than forty per centum of the original appropriation provided in this Act for such item.

SEC. 6. Quarterly report to Congress on transfer of appropriations and accomplishments of bureaus and offices.— The Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Budget shall submit separately to the Congress a quarterly report of any transfer of appropriation made to cover a deficit, the report to specify the items and the amounts involved and shall furnish copies to each member of Congress in his office. The heads of bureaus or offices whose appropriations are based on Performance Budget shall likewise submit separately to the Congress a quarterly report of their accomplishments.

SEC. 7. Authority to use savings for other purposes.— The President of the Philippines is authorized to use any savings in the appropriations provided in this Act for the Executive Departments for the settlement of the following obligations incurred during the current fiscal year and/or previous fiscal years, the limitation in section 7-1(27) of Commonwealth Act Numbered Two hundred forty-six, as amended, notwithstanding: (1) claims under section 699 of the Revised Administrative Code and the Workmen's Compensation Act, whichever is applicable, of officers, employees and laborers who died or were injured in line of duty; (2) commutation of the money value of the additional leave, extended leave and accrued leave earned by American and Filipino officers and employees, or by Filipino officers and employees separated from the service except for cause, for service rendered prior to November twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and thirty-six; (3) purchase of furniture and equipment to replace those that may be lost through fire or other calamity, or may have been damaged through the same cause, the disposal of which is deemed reasonable and necessary, if it would be more expensive to have them repaired, and purchase, with the approval of the President, of furniture and equipment to replace unserviceable ones condemned by the Auditor General; (4) payment of salaries of suspended employees who have subsequently been exonerated; (5) payment of the share of the National Government in the salaries of national officials in newly created cities and provinces where no appropriation has been provided therefor; (6) three per cent contribution of the Government to the Government Service Insurance System for the employees' insurance premiums corresponding to the period from December thirty-first, nineteen hundred forty-one to February twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and forty-five, pursuant to section four of Republic Act Numbered One hundred thirty-two, the provisions of section 7(c) of

Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred eighty-six, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding; (7) commutation of vacation and sick leaves of employees who may be retired under existing laws; (8) additional compensation to government nurses assigned to public health nursing at P50 a month in lieu of quarters, subsistence and laundry allowances as provided under section three of Republic Act Numbered Six hundred forty-nine; (9) purchase or rental of accounting machines to carry out the plan of mechanizing the accounting system in the Government; (10) obligation of the National Government under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 2553 of the Revised Administrative Code; (11) cash commutation of the accumulated vacation and sick leave of employees who voluntarily resign or are separated from the service thru no fault of their own, in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Six hundred eleven, as amended by Republic Act Numbered One thousand eighty-one; (12) printing of briefs in cases appealed by the Government; (13) improvement of food rations in government hospitals and leprosaria; (14) rural improvement; (15) payment of premiums for the insurance of government properties; and (16) payment of gratuities to employees who are laid off as a result of the elimination of their positions in this Act and the government reorganization under Republic Act No. 997.

SEC. 8. Limitation of special details of officials and employees.—Any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, no portion of any appropriation provided for in this Act shall be made available for the payment of salaries of officials or employees who are not actually performing the duties and functions pertaining to their positions and assigned to the place of employment as specified in this Act: PROVIDED, That this shall not apply to special assignments for a period not exceeding one hundred eighty days which shall not be renewed or extended. Any official who shall allow the payment of salaries to officials or employees who are not in their designated place of employment and performing their assigned tasks shall be required to refund to the government such sums as may have been paid to such officials or employees.

SEC. 9. Suspension of expenditure of appropriations.— Except as otherwise provided in this Act and whenever in his judgment the public interest so requires, the President is authorized to suspend or otherwise stop the expenditure of any amount herein appropriated in any item or items for the Executive Departments for any purpose, except amounts for salaries of positions with incumbents, and thereupon the funds affected by such action shall become available for any other expenditures authorized in this Act for the Executive Departments as the President may determine, except for personal services: PROVIDED, That whenever authorized positions are transferred from one program to another, the corresponding amounts appropriated for personal services are also deemed transferred, without increasing the total outlay for personal services of the office concerned. In no case, however, shall any item of appropriation be augmented, pursuant to the authority granted in this section, by more than forty per centum of the original appropriation provided in this Act for such item. The Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Budget shall report separately to the Congress within a period of thirty days any suspension or transfer of funds made by the President during the previous quarter and shall furnish copies to each member of Congress in his office.

SEC. 10. Failure on the part of the Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Budget to make, report.—Failure on the part of the Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Budget to make the report herein required under section 9 of

this Act within the period specified therein shall automatically cause the suspension of the payment of their salaries until they shall have complied therewith.

SEC. 11. **Provision for "excess of actual salary."**—Appropriations provided in this Act may be used for payment of excess of actual salaries to the incumbent of a position to which said "excess" pertains who is actually receiving the same "excess" as part of the salary granted to him upon his appointment to the said position before the reduction of the basic pay thereof to the amount provided: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That if the position be vacated and the successor to its previous incumbent shall have previously received an equal salary plus the "excess of actual salary" in the same or any other branch of the government service, such excess shall be allowable to him.

SEC. 12. **Purchase of locally manufactured furniture, equipment, parts, accessories, supplies and materials.**— All appropriations for the purchase of furniture, equipment, supplies and materials authorized in this Act shall be available only for locally manufactured furniture, equipment, parts, accessories, supplies and materials, except when none is available in the market, or when the prices of the locally manufactured article exceed those determined by the Flag Law by ten per cent.

SEC. 13. **Renting of automobiles, jitneys or trucks for a continuous period exceeding fifteen days prohibited.**—No appropriation provided in this Act for the Executive Departments shall be used for renting automobiles, jitneys or trucks on the monthly basis nor on the daily basis for a continuous period exceeding fifteen days.

SEC. 14. **Authority to purchase motor vehicles.**—No appropriation authorized in this Act shall be used for the purchase of automobiles, jitneys, jeeps, station wagons, motorcycles and other motor vehicles unless otherwise specifically provided in this Act.

SEC. 15. **Officials entitled to government motor transportation.**—The following officials are entitled to use government motor transportation chargeable against the appropriations authorized in this Act:

1. The President of the Philippines,
2. The Vice-President of the Philippines,
3. The President of the Senate,
4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives,
5. The President Pro-Tempore of the Senate,
6. The Majority Floor Leader of the Senate,
7. The Chairman, Committee on Finance of the Senate,
8. The Chairman, Committee on Accounts of the Senate,
9. The Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
10. The Chairman, Committee on Public Works of the Senate,
11. The Minority Floor Leader of the Senate,
12. The Secretary of the Senate,
13. The Speaker Pro-Tempore of the House of Representatives,
14. The Majority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives,
15. The Chairman, Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives,

16. The Chairman, Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives,
17. The Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives,
18. The Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives,
19. The Chairman, Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives,
20. The Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives,
21. The Secretary of the House of Representatives,
22. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
23. The Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals,
24. The Auditor General,
25. The Ambassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary and Consuls in charge of consulates while in their respective stations abroad, and
26. The Chief of Staff and the Vice-Chief of Staff and the Commanding Officers of the other Major Services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 16. Officials entitled to transportation allowance.— The Department Heads, including the Administrator of Economic Coordination, the Commissioner of the Budget the Press Secretary, the Chairman of the Commission on Elections, and the Social Welfare Administrator are hereby granted a commutable transportation allowance of two hundred fifty pesos each per month; the Undersecretaries of Departments and officials with the same rank, the Public Service Commissioner, the Executive Judge of the Court of Agrarian Relations, the Legislative Secretary, the Legislative Liaison Officer, the Presiding Judge of the Court of Industrial Relations, the Presiding Judge of the Court of Tax Appeals, the Chairman of Land Tenure Administration, the Judicial Superintendent, Office of the Secretary of Justice and the Administrator of Social Security Commission, two hundred pesos each per month, and the following officials, directors or chiefs of bureaus and offices, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, one hundred pesos each per month, chargeable against the appropriations authorized in this Act for their respective offices:

1. The Director of Printing,
2. The Commissioner of Civil Service,
3. The Commissioner of Customs,
4. The Collector of Internal Revenue,
5. The Treasurer of the Philippines,
6. The Purchasing Agent, Bureau of Supply,
7. The Insurance Commissioner,
8. The Commissioner, Land Registration Commission,
9. The two Associate Commissioners, Public Service Commission,
10. The Members, Land Tenure Administration,
11. The two Associate Judges, Court of Tax Appeals,
12. The Director, National Bureau of Investigation,
13. The Commissioner of Immigration,
14. The Director of Prisons,
15. The Chairman, Code Commission,
16. The Director of Plant Industry,
17. The Director of Animal Industry,