

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1136, June 16, 1954]

**AN ACT REORGANIZING THE DIVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

SECTION 1. The Division of Tuberculosis in the Department of Health, hereinafter called the Division, is reorganized to include an administrative section with a statistical, motor and electrical maintenance, library, and buildings and grounds maintenance units; a section of clinics and therapy; a section of prevention and immunization with a BCG immunization and children's clinic, d health education and social service units; a section of X-ray operation and maintenance; and a section of TB laboratory operation and research.

The Division shall have a chief and an assistant chief who be appointed by the Secretary of Health and shall receive annual compensation at the rate of seven and two hundred pesos and six thousand pesos, respectively. It shall also have such technical, clerical and other personnel as may be determined by the Secretary of Health who shall appoint them and fix their compensation accordance with law: *Provided, however,* That all the subordinate personnel of the present Division of Tuberculosis in the Department of Health shall continue in office with at least the same compensation.

SEC. 2. The Division shall have the following functions:

- a. To coordinate, direct, and implement a well-balanced, comprehensive and intensive scheme of tuberculosis control services in the country, including prevention by direct (BCG immunization) and indirect methods, diagnosis, treatment, social rehabilitation, public health training (for laymen and medical personnel), research, epidemiological and statistical studies, and national and international pooling of information;
- b. To establish and maintain at least thirty fully-equipped, fully-manned provincial TB centers within four years, complete with diagnostic laboratory, X-ray and treatment facilities (surgical and non-surgical), giving free services;
- c. To operate and supervise wards for TB patients in provincial hospitals where there are provincial TB centers;
- d. To establish and maintain at least thirty mobile X-ray units within four years in order to reach rural areas with no access to the chest center;
- e. To establish and maintain at least thirty mobile TB prevention units to undertake mass BCG immunization of susceptible children and young adults, intensive health education of the public by all possible means (loudspeaker ached to wagons, lectures, movies, leaflets), home-visiting y home-visitors in rural areas, and gathering of epidemiological information on TB;