

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 326, February 19, 1941]

REGULATING THE OPERATION OF "BARS"

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred and one, entitled "An Act to regulate the establishment, maintenance and operation of places of amusement in chartered cities, municipalities and municipal districts," the following rules and regulations governing bars are hereby promulgated:

1. *Definition.*—A "bar" shall include any place or establishment whose principal business is the sale of alcoholic beverages or liquors of any kind to be used or consumed within its premises. A bar that allows music or dancing within its premises shall be considered a night club, cabaret, dancing school, or dance hall, as the case may be, and shall be subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 319.

2. *Location.*—No bar shall be established within a distance of two hundred lineal meters from any city hall or municipal building, provincial capitol or national capitol building, public plaza, public school, church, hospital, athletic stadium, public park, or any institution of learning or of charity.

3. *Building requirement.*—Bars shall be well lighted at all times leaving no dark corners and shall be maintained under good sanitary condition. There shall be no private rooms nor separate compartments, except those assigned for lavatories, dressing room for ladies and kitchen.

4. *Days and hours of operation.*—Excepting Christmas eve and New Year's eve, bars shall be open only from nine o'clock a. m. to twelve o'clock midnight every day except Saturdays and days preceding official holidays and town fiestas when they can be open until two o'clock in the morning of the following day. In case a bar is also duly licensed to operate a regular restaurant, cafe or refreshment parlor, or is operated in connection with a restaurant, cafe, or refreshment parlor, it may remain open before or after said hours to serve only meals, refreshments or nonintoxicating drinks: Provided, That any store, place, or establishment wherein alcoholic beverages or liquors of any kind are sold shall be considered a bar for the purposes of the limitations as to the days and hours of operation prescribed in these regulations.

5. *Restrictions as to persons.*— (a) Minors under eighteen years of age, intoxicated persons, and persons carrying deadly weapons or firearms of any description except government officials performing their public functions, shall not be admitted nor allowed to remain in any bar either as customer, employee or under any capacity: Provided, however, That persons under eighteen years of age may be admitted in such establishment when they are in private parties and accompanied by their parents or guardians, but in no case shall minors under fifteen years of age be allowed admission therein.