

# [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 396, December 24, 1941 ]

## REORGANIZING AND GROUPING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, the Executive Departments of the Government are hereby reorganized and grouped as follows:

Office of the President  
Department of Finance, Agriculture and Commerce  
Department of National Defense, Public Works, Communications, and labor  
Department of Public Instruction, Health, and Welfare

All the functions pertaining to the Department of Justice shall be performed by the Chief Justice of the supreme Court.

Done at the City of Manila, this 24th day of December, in the rear of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the seventh.

**(Sgd.) MANUEL L. QUEZON**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

**(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS**  
Secretary to the President



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