

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299, August 19, 1940]

**CREATING A NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
AND REVISING FURTHER, FOR THIS PURPOSE, EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 139, DATED JANUARY 14, 1938, AS REVISED BY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 188, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1939,
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 197, DATED MARCH 24, 1939, AND
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 216, DATED JULY 28, 1939**

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Commonwealth Acts Numbered Ninety and Two hundred and sixty-six, which state that the funds therein appropriated shall be expended through such official, office, entity, or agency as the President may designate, and with a view to achieving efficiency and economy by consolidating the different relief activities of the Government under one management and coordinating such Government relief activities with those being undertaken by private relief institutions, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Social Security Administration under the general supervision and control of a board herein designated as the National Social Security Board, to be composed of one chairman, one vice-chairman, an executive officer, and such members as the President may from time to time appoint.

The duties of the National Social Security Administration shall be as follows:

- (a) To investigate the extent of the damages caused by typhoons, floods, fires, and other public calamities in the different provinces, cities and municipalities; and to determine the amounts of money needed for relief and rehabilitation work.
- (b) To establish and organize rapid and adequate measures for relieving the sufferers and rendering aid and assistance to them.
- (c) To give training to, and to provide for, a corps of workers, such as physicians, engineers, nurses, and others, including volunteer workers who can be called for active service during emergencies.
- (d) To coordinate the relief activities of the Government with those being undertaken by private relief institutions.
- (e) To serve as a coordinating agency for the placement in public works and land settlement projects of the different branches, departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government of persons in need of employment.
- (f) To extend relief to the indigents who are physically incapacitated for work either directly or through the Bureau of Public Welfare or the charitable institutions under the latter's supervision.