

[ Act No. 2493, February 05, 1915 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND TEN, REGULATING THE PRACTICE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN ALL THEIR BRANCHES, TO REPEAL SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO AND ACT NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Board for the Examination of Physicians. The Board shall consist of three physicians appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, upon Members, nomination by the Bureau of Health, who shall all be duly authorized to practice medicine in the Philippine Islands and shall be graduates of a legally chartered and reputable medical college or school and shall hold the degree of doctor or licentiate of medicine.

The members of the Board shall hold office for three consecutive years after their appointment: *Provided*, That no member of the faculty of any school, college, or university where any of the branches of the study of medicine is taught shall be eligible for appointment: *And provided further*, That the persons first appointed shall hold office for one, two, and three years, respectively, as specified in their respective certificates of appointment.

Each person appointed shall take and subscribe the following oath:

"I,....., having been pointed a member of the Board for the Examination of Physicians, swear that I am a physician duly qualified and graduated from the legally chartered medical college or university of ..... in the city of .....; that I am in good professional standing; that I will well and truly perform all the duties of said office; that I will faithfully account for all moneys coming into my hands as such officer; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Government of the United States; and that I take this oath without any mental reservation whatsoever. So help me God."

This oath shall be recorded and filed in the central office of the Bureau of Health of the Philippine Islands. The Director of Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, may remove any member of said Board for continued neglect of duty, incompetency, or for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, after having given the member concerned an opportunity to defend himself.

SEC. 2. The Examining Board shall appertain to the Bureau of Health so far as executive action may be required in connection therewith. It shall organize immediately after the appointment of its members, and annually thereafter on the anniversary of its first organization, or as nearly as practicable on the said date by electing from its members a president and a secretary-treasurer. The Board shall have a seal with which to attest its official acts. The members of the Board, with

the exception of the secretary-treasurer, shall receive as compensation the members' sum of five pesos each for each candidate examined for registration as physician. The secretary-treasurer of the Board shall receive compensation at the rate of four hundred pesos per annum, one-half of which amount shall be paid on the thirtieth of June and one-half on the twenty-ninth of December of each year. The amounts due the members of the Examining Board for compensation shall be paid from Insular funds. A person rendering the Government services for a compensation may be appointed member of the Examining Board.

SEC. 3. The secretary-treasurer of the Board shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board and a register of all persons to whom certificates of registration have been granted under the provisions of this Act, setting forth the name, age, sex, and place of birth of each, his place of business, his post-office address, the name of the medical college or university from which he graduated or in which he has studied, if any, and the date of such graduation or term of study, together with the time spent in the study of the profession elsewhere, the names of the countries where the institutions are located which have granted to him degrees or certificates of attendance upon clinics or lectures in medicine and surgery, and all other degrees granted to him from institutions of learning.

SEC. 4. The Board shall meet in the city of Manila, for the purpose of examining candidates desiring to practice medicine or surgery in the Philippine Islands, on the second Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October of each year after giving thirty days' written or printed notice of such meeting to each candidate who has filed his name and address with the secretary-treasurer of the Board.

SEC. 5. The Board shall issue certificates of registration for physicians. Each certificate shall be issued, respectively, to the candidates who have passed the examination successfully. The certificate may also be issued to doctors and licentiates of medicine who, not being as yet lawfully registered and having practiced in the Philippine Islands before the promulgation of Act Numbered Three hundred and ten, have interrupted the same for some time, and who present to the Board for the Examination of Physicians their diplomas issued by a duly recognized medical school Foreign specialists or conege: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the employment of any foreigner as technical officer or professor in any branch of medicine or surgery in certain and determined specialties which may, in the judgment of the Government, be necessary and indispensable in the Philippine Islands: *And provided finally*, That section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and thirty-two, entitled "An Act to authorize graduates of the Philippine Medical School who receive therefrom the degree of doctor of medicine to practice medicine and surgery in the Philippine Islands without taking the examination prescribed by Act Numbered Three hundred and ten, and to establish certain free scholarships in the Philippine Medical School to be awarded upon competitive examinations, and for other purposes," and Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An Act to authorize graduates of certain schools of medicine and pharmacy in the Philippine Islands to practice medicine and surgery and pharmacy without taking the examinations prescribed by Acts Numbered Three hundred and ten and Five hundred and ninety-seven, respectively, and for other purposes," are hereby repealed, effective December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and nineteen. The secretary-treasurer of the Board shall Examination fee. collect a fee of fifty pesos from each candidate for each examination for registration.