

[Act No. 2803, February 28, 1919]

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, REGULATING CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE
FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-four of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 74. *Departmental organization.*—All executive functions of the Philippine Government shall be directly under the Executive Department, subject to the supervision and control of the Governor-General in matters of general policy. The Departments are established for the proper distribution of the work of the Executive, for the performance of the functions expressly assigned to them by law, and in order that each branch of the administration may have a chief responsible for its direction and policy. Each Department Secretary shall assume the burden and responsibility of all activities of the Government under his control and supervision.

"For administrative purposes the Governor-General shall be considered the Department Head of the Bureau of Audits, the Bureau of Civil Service, and of all other offices and branches of the service not assigned by law to any Department."

SEC. 2. Section seventy-nine of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 79. *Under Secretaries.*—There shall be in each Department one or more Under Secretaries, as the appropriation acts may provide, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Secretary of the Department and such as may be imposed upon them by law.

"When a Department Secretary is unable to perform his duties owing to illness, absence, or other cause, or in case of a vacancy in the office, the respective Under Secretary, or the Under Secretary designated, as the case may be, shall temporarily perform the functions of said office.

"In case neither the Secretary nor the Under Secretaries of a Department are able to perform their duties, owing to illness, absence, or any other cause, the Governor-General may temporarily designate a Secretary or Under Secretary of another Department to perform such duties temporarily during the absence of the former.

"SEC. 79 (A). *Initiative of the Department Head.*—Executive orders, regulations, decrees, and proclamations relative to matters under the supervision or jurisdiction of a Department, the promulgation whereof is expressly assigned by law to the Governor-General, shall, as a general