

[Act No. 2563., February 03, 1916]

AN ACT SEPARATING THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL FROM THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH SERVICE AND PLACING IT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine General Hospital is hereby separated from the Philippine Health Service and the same shall hereafter be conducted, under the immediate supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, by a chief to be known as the Director of the Philippine General Hospital. There shall be an Assistant Director, who shall act in case of absence or disability of the Director and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Director.

SEC. 2. The Director and Assistant Director of the Philippine General Hospital shall be appointed by the Governor-General, with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission. They shall be physicians of good repute and graduates from a medical college of recognized standing.

"SEC. 3. It shall be incumbent upon the Philippine General Hospital to provide for the training of medical students of the University of the Philippines and for the accommodation and medical treatment of emergency patients in the city of Manila, to render free medical service to such persons entitled thereto as shall apply for the same, and so far as facilities and means of the Hospital shall extend, to supply medical service and medical attendance gratuitously to poor persons in said city. When not incompatible with the interests of the Hospital suitable accommodations and attendance shall be supplied to pay patients upon terms to be fixed by regulation.

"SEC. 4. The Director of the Philippine General Hospital shall have authority, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to adopt and promulgate such regulations, not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to secure the efficient administration of the Hospital and the proper enforcement of all laws relating thereto but such regulations shall in no way limit the free admission to the clinics, operating rooms and wards of the Hospital of the students and members of the faculty of the College of Medicine and Surgery of the University of the Philippines.

"SEC. 5. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect as of the first day of January, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Enacted, February 3, 1916.
