

## [ Act No. 2116, February 01, 1912 ]

### **AN ACT CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSES OF THE EXCESSIVE INFANT MORTALITY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND THE MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO DECREASE IT, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND PESOS OR SUCH PART THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR SAID PURPOSE.**

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

SECTION 1. A committee of three members, to be appointed by the Governor-General with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, is hereby created for the purpose of investigating the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippine Islands and the methods which should be adopted to decrease it. The committee shall be immediately organized and elect a chairman from among its members, and each member shall receive as compensation twenty pesos for each day of session actually attended by him: *Provided, however,* That if a Government officer is appointed on said committee he shall not receive the per diems provided for by this Act.

SEC. 2. To be appointed a member of this committee it shall be necessary:

- (a) To be a citizen of the Philippine Islands or of the United States;
- (b) To be a doctor or licentiate of medicine and surgery of some properly accredited medical college;
- (c) To have practiced the medical profession in the Philippine Islands for five years at least or have been employed during the same time in the Bureau of Health, Medical School, or Bureau of Science.

SEC. 3. The committee is hereby authorized to employ a secretary, who shall be a typewriter and a stenographer. The Director of Health shall furnish such additional subordinate personnel and such stationery and offices as may be necessary for the committee hereby created. The committee shall present to the Third Legislature, on or before its first regular session, a detailed report of its work and of its conclusions and recommendations in connection therewith. On the same date the committee shall dissolve and be relieved of its functions.

SEC. 4. The sum of ten thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the chairman of the committee for the payment of the per diems and any other necessary expenses for carrying out the purpose of this Act.

Enacted, February 1, 1912.



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