

[Act No. 156, July 01, 1901]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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

SECTION 1. A biological laboratory, a chemical laboratory, and laboratories for the production of vaccine virus and of serums and prophylactics shall be established and maintained by the Government of the Philippine Islands.

SEC. 2. The biological laboratory shall be situated at Manila, and shall afford adequate facilities for investigation into, and scientific report upon, the causes, pathology, and methods of diagnosing and combating the diseases of man and of domesticated animals, and of animals utilized for food, and of plants useful to man, as well as for such other biological work as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Health for the Philippine Islands, the Forestry Bureau, the Bureau of Agriculture, or any other Department or Bureau of the Government.

SEC. 3. The chemical laboratory shall be situated at Manila, and shall afford adequate facilities for investigation and report as to the purity of foods and drinks; as to the composition and properties of gums, resins, drugs, herbs, or other plant products of known or supposed commercial value; as to soils or fertilizers; as to the minerals and minero-medicinal waters of the Philippine Islands; and for such other chemical investigation as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Health for the Philippine islands, the Department of Public Instruction, the Forestry Bureau, the Mining Bureau, the Bureau of Agriculture, the Customs Service, or any other Department or Bureau of the Government.

SEC. 4. Laboratories for the production of vaccine virus and of serums and prophylactics shall be established and maintained at Manila and at such other points in the Archipelago as the Board of Health for the Philippine Islands may advise and the central legislative body of the Islands may determine upon.

SEC. 5. There shall be a Superintendent of Government Laboratories, at a salary of four thousand dollars per year. He shall have charge of the construction and equipment of all Government laboratories for the Philippine Islands, and of the purchase of all apparatus, supplies, and books which may be authorized for use in connection with such laboratories. He shall cause to be prepared and shall recommend to the central legislative body of the Islands as a basis for appropriation:

(a) Plans for a suitable building for the installation of the biological laboratory, the chemical laboratory, and a reference library;

(b) Plans for such laboratories for the manufacture of vaccine virus, serums, and prophylactics as may hereafter be authorized;

(c) Detailed estimates of the cost of constructing such laboratory buildings;