

[Act No. 247, October 01, 1901]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF A CIVIL HOSPITAL AT MANILA.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be a civil hospital at Manila which shall be known as the Philippine Civil Hospital.

SEC. 2. In the admission of patients, preference shall be given to the officers and employees of the insular and provincial governments and of the city of Manila. Emergency cases among other civilians shall be received at the hospital and treated free of charge until such time as they can safely be removed. Civilians, other than civil officers and employees, may be admitted for treatment up to the limit of the capacity of the institution, under such regulations as may be established by the Attending Physician and Surgeon and the Commissioner of Public Health and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. The Civil Hospital shall have wards and private rooms. Patients who desire private rooms shall pay for them at the rate of not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars per week, the exact amount to be permanently fixed for each room by the Attending Physician and Surgeon. Medical and surgical attendance, medical supplies, nursing, and food shall be furnished to all patients, except emergency cases, at a uniform charge of one dollar per day each: *Provided*, That the charge of one dollar per day may be remitted, in view of the circumstances of the patient, in accordance with regulations to be adopted by the Attending Physician and Surgeon and the Commissioner of Public Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. The Attending Physician and Surgeon, the Assistant Attending Physician and Surgeon, and the dispensing clerk, appointed under Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-nine, shall become the Attending Physician and Surgeon, the Assistant Attending Physician and Surgeon, and the dispensing clerk of the hospital herein created, without additional compensation. There shall be, in addition to the foregoing, the following employees in the hospital:

(a) A superintendent, who shall receive compensation at the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars per year;

(b) A chief nurse, who shall receive compensation at the rate of nine hundred dollars per year;

(c) A dietist, who shall receive compensation at the rate of six hundred dollars per year;

(d) Four trained nurses, who shall receive compensation at the rate of six hundred dollars per year each;

(e) Four ward attendants, who shall receive compensation at the rate of six hundred