

[Commonwealth Act No. 38, October 12, 1936]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN.

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. Title of Act.—This Act shall be known as "General Appropriation Act for nineteen hundred and thirty-seven."

SEC. 2. Appropriation of funds.— The following sums, or so much thereof as may be respectively necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not appropriated for other purposes, for the operation of the Government of the Philippines for the fiscal year ending December thirty-first nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, unless otherwise stated:

1.	Speaker of the National Assembly	P	12,000.00
2.	Ninety-seven Members of the National Assembly, at P5,000 per annum each		485,000.00

SECRETARY

3.	Secretary of the National Assembly		6,120.00
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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

4.	Sergeant-at-arms of the National Assembly		3,600.00
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xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

IX. — SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages	P	1,070,562.00
Total for sundry expenses		123,000.00
Total for furniture and equipment . .		10,000.00
Total for special appropriations		39,290.55

Total	available	for	the	National	Assembly	PI,242,852.55
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X. —SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Any unexpended balance of the funds appropriated for the National Assembly may be used to cover deficits in any item of the appropriation for the said Assembly.
2. Any Member of the National Assembly may assign his yearly salary or any part thereof to any banking institution doing business in the Philippines, including the compensation to his family in the event of death, and upon such assignment being registered with the disbursing officer of the National Assembly, such officer shall issue warrants from time to time as the salary or death compensation falls due, directly in favor of the creditor banking institution.
3. The Secretary of the National Assembly shall receive the compensation herein fixed, provisions of any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.
4. Any part of the appropriation for supplementary force may be expended for the payment of salaries of employees who may serve during any period in the office of the Secretary and in the office of the Electoral Commission as may be determined by resolution of the same.
5. A part of the item for other services not exceeding two thousand pesos may be spent for subsistence of Members and officers and clerks working overtime.
6. The appropriations in items 3 and 5 under Sundry Expenses may be spent for the postage and fees of official correspondence and telegrams of the Members and for supplies,

materials and equipment that may be officially used by them, the total amount not to exceed two hundred pesos per annum for each Member.

AA. —NATIONAL LIBRARY

I. —SALARIES AND WAGES

DIRECTORS

1. One Director	P	5,100.00
2. One Assistant Director		4,080.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

IX. — SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages	P	125,541.00
Total for sundry expenses		21,030.00
Total for furniture and equipment ..		11,200.00
Total for special appropriation		12,200.00

Total available for the National Library	P	169,881.00
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B. — PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

I. —SALARIES AND WAGES

1. The President of the Philippines	P	30,000.00
2. The Vice-President of the Philippines		15,000.00

(1) OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

3. Secretary to the President, with the rank of Secretary of Department . .		10,200.00
4. One assistant secretary to the President		6,120.00
5. One assistant secretary to the President		5,100.00

AIDE-DE-CAMP TO THE PRESIDENT

6. For per diems of P8.50 to the aide-de-camp to the President		3,103.00
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xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

(2) GENERAL AUDITING OFFICE DIRECTORS

1. One Auditor General	P	12,000.00
2. One Deputy Auditor General		7,225.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

(3) BUREAU OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS

1. One Commissioner of Civil Service, with the rank of Undersecretary of Department	P	7,225.00
2. One Deputy Commissioner of Civil Service, with the rank of Assistant Director of a first class Bureau		5,100.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

(4) BUDGET COMMISSION By Detail

1. One Chairman and Executive Officer (Commissioner of the Budget)
2. One Member (Auditor General)
3. One Member (Commissioner of Civil Service)
4. One Secretary (Assistant to the Commissioner of the Budget)

BUDGET OFFICE

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| 5. | One Commissioner of the Budget, with the rank of Undersecretary of Department | P | 7,225.00 |
| 6. | One Assistant to the Commissioner of the Budget | | 4,675.00 |

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

(5) GENERAL PURPOSES

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| 1. | One law officer of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, for legal services rendered the Government of the Philippines . . | P | 2,550.00 |
| 2. | One disbursing officer in Washington, D. C..... | | 3,400.00 |

Total	P	5,950.00
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Total for salaries and wages	P	1,121,381.00
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xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

IX. — SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages	P	1,121,381.00
Total for sundry expenses		150,003.00
Total for furniture and equipment .		5,961.00
Total for special appropriations . . .		106,057.00

Total available for the President of the Philippines.....	P	1,383,402.00
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X. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Any deficit in the appropriation for the purchase of furniture and equipment may be covered from any unexpended balance of any other appropriation provided in this Act.
2. Any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, the unexpended balance of the funds appropriated in Act No. 3431 may be used to cover deficits in the appropriations for the President of the Philippines.
3. With the approval of the President, the Budget Commission may change the designation of any position authorized for the Budget Office in this Act, and consolidate two or more of said positions: PROVIDED, That the salary for each consolidated position shall not exceed five thousand pesos per annum: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That this authority shall only be in force until June 30, 1937.

BB. — PHILIPPINE ARM? PURPOSE

I. —PERSONNEL

A. REGULAR FORCE — COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND CADETS

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| 1. Base pay: PROVIDED, That the salary of the Chief of Staff shall not exceed seven thousand pesos per annum, those of the Major Generals six thousand five hundred pesos per annum each, those of Brigadier Generals six thousand one hundred twenty pesos per annum each and those of Colonels five thousand one hundred pesos per annum each..... | | | P1,622,038.00 |
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2. Longevity pay	191,437.00
3. Rental and commutation of quarters for officers: PROVIDED, That the monthly allowances for rental and commutation of quarters for the officers of the Army of the Philippines shall not exceed the following rates: (a) For officers stationed in Manila: Chief of Staff, P125; Major Generals, P110; Brigadier Generals, P100; Colonels, P90; lieutenant colonels, P80; majors, P70; captains, P50; and lieutenants, P40; and (b) for officers stationed outside of Manila, the actual cost of rentals: Colonels, P60; lieutenant colonels, P50; majors, P40; captains, P30; and lieutenants, P25	173,000.00
4. Pay and allowances of cadets, Philippine Military Academy	93,220.00

B. REGULAR FORCE — ENLISTED MEN

5. Base pay.....	1,857,200.00
6. Reenlistment bonus.....	30,000.00
7. Clothing allowance	500,600.00

C. REGULAR FORCE —TRAINEES

8. Pay	336,000.00
9. Clothing allowance	1,256,000.00

D. REGULAR FORCE— RETIREMENT COMPENSATION

10. Contribution to Retirement and Pension Fund, in accordance with Section 3, Act No. 3205, as amended.....	100,000.00
11. Additional contribution to Army Pension and Retirement Fund to cover any deficit in said fund in the year 1937; PROVIDED, That pensions paid under Act No. 3205, as amended, shall be subject to the reductions prescribed under section 6 of this Act	150,000.00

E. RESERVE FORCE —COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

12. Base pay.....	213,180.00
13. Longevity pay	20,000.00
14. Rental and commutation of quarters for officers: PROVIDED, That the rates of the monthly allowances for rental and commutation of quarters for the commissioned officers of the reserve force of the Army of the Philippines shall not exceed, and shall be paid in the same manner as, those provided in item 3 under Purpose I hereof	51,840.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

Total for Purpose I. —Personnel	P6,464,359.00
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PROVIDED, That the number of positions and rates of pay for civilian personnel shall be fixed by Executive Order: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the President shall have authority to transfer and expend not to exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) of the sum appropriated for any item in Purpose I to any other item or items included in the same Purpose: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That bonuses or retirement pay not exceeding F50,000 that may be paid to officers who may be retired under Executive Order No. 10, series of 1936, shall be charged against the amount appropriated in item 1: PROVIDED, FINALLY, That until otherwise prescribed by Executive Order in accordance with section 90 of Commonwealth Act No. 1, no appropriation provided in this Act shall be used for the payment of automatic promotions to medical officers and dental surgeons and of additional pay due to length of service to all officers of the Philippine Army, the provisions of Acts 3400 and 2936, as amended by Act No. 3620, to the contrary notwithstanding. This provision shall not affect

automatic promotions and additional pay already granted before January 1, 1933.

PURPOSE II. —MAINTENANCE OF PERSONNEL
A. SUBSISTENCE

27. Subsistence of the Regular Force	P	812,820.00
28. Subsistence of trainees		2,016,000.00
29. Subsistence of probationary third lieutenants		54,000.00

xxx(Other items omitted)xxx

D. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

33. Instruction of officers — Regular Force	20,000.00
34. Expenses of Military Academy	27,000.00
35. Training cost of Reserve Officers Training Corps	245,010.00
36. Preparatory Military Training	176,000.00
37. Military libraries.....	7,000.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

Total for Purpose II.— Maintenance of Personnel	P	3,569,230.00
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PROVIDED, That the President shall have authority to transfer and expend not to exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) of the sum appropriated for any item included in this Purpose to any other item or items.

PURPOSE III. — TRANSPORTATION

40. Transportation expenses of military and civil personnel	P	269,400.00
41. Transportation of trainees		140,000.00
42. Transportation and packing of supplies, equipment and ar:namment ...		199,900.00
43. Supplies for upkeep and operation of motor vehicles		99,700.00
44. Upkeep and operation of watercraft		25,000.00

Total for Purpose III. — Transportation	734,000.00
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PROVIDED, That the President shall have authority to transfer and expend not to exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) of the sum appropriated for any item included in this Purpose to any other item or items.

PURPOSE IV. —ARMAMENT, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

A. ARMAMENT

45. Ordnance, signal, engineer and chemical defense armament	P	326,000.00
46. Ammunition of all calibers and types		324,000.00

B. EQUIPMENT

47. Quartermaster and/or watercraft equipment	688,143.00
48. Medical equipment	26,487.00
49. Air Corps equipment	255,500.00

C. SUPPLIES

50. Quartermaster supplies	167,760.00
51. Mobilization center supplies	24,000.00
52. Medical supplies	42,393.00
53. Air Corps supplies	83,000.00