

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE, ENTITLED "AN ACT MAKING TEMPORARY PROVISIONS FOR THE CARE OF INVALID CIVIL EMPLOYEES AT BAGUIO, IN THE PROVINCE OF BEN..."

Act No. 757, May 20, 1903

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

SECTION 1. Act Numbered Four hundred and twenty-nine, entitled "An Act making temporary provisions for the care of invalid civil employees at Baguio, in the Province of Benguet, pending the establishment of a Government sanitarium," is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By changing section three to read as follows:

"The attending physician and surgeon so appointed is hereby authorized to appoint one dispensing clerk of class nine who shall also serve as property clerk, one nurse and housekeeper of Class A, one nurse of Class C, one employee of Class D, one employee of Class F, one employee of Class J, one temporary employee of Class J to serve at time when the presence of a large number of persons at the sanitarium makes his employment necessary, one employee at one hundred and eighty dollars per annum, three employees at ninety-six dollars per annum, two employees at sixty dollars per annum. The employees named shall be furnished food and lodging free of charge. The attending physician and surgeon shall, after July first, nineteen hundred and three, be allowed to occupy free of charge the Government cottage known as cottage number five, but shall provide Government his own subsistence."

(b) By changing section five to read as follows:

"The attending physician and surgeon shall receive into the buildings aforesaid, upon seasonable application, civil officers and employees of the insular and provincial governments, and of the government of the city of Manila, officers of the United States Army, and members of the families of all such officers and employees. He shall make weekly reports to the Secretary of the Interior covering all matters relating to the performance of his duties and to the occupancy of the buildings aforesaid and to the receipt and disbursement of funds, and shall communicate by telegraph if occasion requires. Persons received in the buildings aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall pay not less than one dollar, nor more than one dollar and fifty cents, per day for room, the amount to be fixed for each room by the attending physician and surgeon, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: Provided, That one-half the rates here prescribed shall be charged for children over two and under ten years of age, and that no charge shall be made for children under two years of age; Provided further, That the minimum charge for a room reserved for one person shall be three dollars per day; And provided further, That the Secretary of the Interior may in his discretion reduce the rates here prescribed in especially meritorious cases of officers, employees, or members of their families when such officers or employees receive an annual salary of one thousand five hundred dollars or less. Private servants of persons so received, who serve under the direction of the attending physician and surgeon, shall be lodged and subsisted free of charge. Other private servants of persons so received may be lodged and subsisted at twenty-five cents per day. A charge of fifty cents shall be made for each meal provided for guests of patients or

employees. No additional charge shall be made for medical and surgical attendance, medical supplies, nursing, or food to persons so received. The buildings under the charge of the attending physician and surgeon shall be a main building provided with wards and private rooms and such separate cottages or other buildings as have Renting cottages, heretofore been or may hereafter be authorized. The attending physician and surgeon is also authorized to rent temporarily the cottages in this section named for the use of persons authorized by this Act to be received therein, at rentals to be fixed by the attending physician and surgeon and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Persons occupying such cottages may secure meals in the main building at one dollar per day. The Commissioner of Public Health, upon request by the attending physician and surgeon and approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall purchase and send to Baguio medical and other supplies needed for the purpose of this Act."

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to detail any employee of the Civil Sanitarium, Baguio, Benguet, for temporary service at the Civil Hospital in Manila, when in his judgment such detail will be conducive to the public interest, and the attending physician and surgeon is hereby authorized to dismiss employees when their services are no longer required at the Civil Sanitarium.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred and thirty-six dollars, in addition to the amount appropriated in Act Numbered Five hundred and ninety-five for "Salaries and wages, Civil Sanitarium, Benguet, nineteen hundred and three," for the payment of the force herein authorized for the remainder of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and three.

SEC. 4. Where the word "dollars" is used in this Act, it shall be understood to mean dollars in money of the United States.

SEC. 5. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

Enacted, May 20, 1903.

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