

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINE, EIGHT HUNDRED AND ELEVEN, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN, AND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AUTHORIZING TH...

Act No. 2813, March 04, 1919

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/1296f293f718/>

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Section eight hundred and nine of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows':

"SEC. 809. Board of Examiners: appointment of members and substitution thereof.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a Board of Optical Examiners consisting of three reputable opticians practicing the optical profession in the Philippine Islands at the time of their appointment and graduates of any reputable university, academy, college, school or institution legally constituted and recognized as such by the Government or the State in which established. They shall hold office for three years after their appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

"The Secretary of the Interior shall fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board of Examiners, designating a duly qualified optician, and the person so appointed to fill a Vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the member whose place he is appointed to fill. The Secretary of the Interior may remove any member of said Board for neglect of duty, or incompetency, for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, or for any other just cause."

SEC. 2. Section eight hundred and eleven of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 811. Meetings, examination.—The Board of Optical Examiners shall meet in the city of Manila for the purpose of examining candidates desiring to practice the optical profession in the Philippine Islands on the fourth Tuesday of April and October of each year, upon at least thirty days notice published in the most widely read newspapers of the locality."

SEC. 3. Section eight hundred and seventeen of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 817. Prohibitions.—It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise or practice as optician without having the certificate prescribed in this chapter. However, the provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to apply to any person selling as merchandise ready-made eyeglasses, spectacles or any other optical instrument, unless such person make use of the trial case or of practical and objective mechanical devices for the determination of the state of refraction and the accommodation of the vision; nor shall they be construed to be applicable to registered physicians and surgeons in the legitimate practice of their profession."

SEC. 4. Section eight hundred and eighteen of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 818. Who are optician.—For the purposes of this chapter, an optician shall be any person making use of any means other than drugs for examining the vision or adapting lenses to aid the same, or who, selling spectacles, eyeglasses or other optical articles, used for the examination of the vision lenses other than those

kept for sale by him."

SEC. 5. The present Board of Optical Examiners is hereby authorized to hold a special examination, within three months from and after the approval of this Act, exclusively for persons who, on March eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen, had been practising the profession of optician for a period of not less than one year prior to said date, with an establishment legally open to the public, without having the proper diploma. Said examination shall be practical and shall be made by means of the trial case.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, March 4, 1919.

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.