

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS THIRTY-FOUR AND THIRTY-EIGHT OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED NINE, KNOWN AS THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MANILA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1934, June 22, 1957

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section thirty-four of Republic Act Numbered Four hundred nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 34. Chief of Police.—There shall be a chief of police with a salary of nine thousand pesos per annum, who shall have charge of the police department and everything pertaining thereto, including the organization and disposition of the city police and detective bureau; shall quell riots, disorders, disturbances of the peace, and shall arrest and prosecute violators of any law or ordinance; shall exercise exclusive police supervision over all land and water within the police jurisdiction of the city; shall be charged with the protection of the rights of persons and property wherever found within the jurisdiction of the city, and shall arrest without warrant, when necessary to prevent the escape of the offender, violators of any law or ordinance, and all who obstruct or interfere with him in the discharge of his duty; shall exercise supervision, administration, and control over the city jail and municipal prisoners; shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all prisoners in the city jail until they shall be released from custody, in accordance with law, or delivered to the warden of the proper prison upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction; may take good and sufficient bail for the appearance before the city court of any person arrested for violation of any city ordinance: Provided, however, That he shall not exercise this power in cases of violations of any penal law, except when the fiscal of the city shall so recommend and fix the bail to be required, of the person arrested; shall have authority, within the police jurisdiction of the city, to serve and execute criminal processes of any court; shall, either in person or by deputy, attend all sessions of the city courts, and shall promptly and faithfully execute all orders of the Mayor, and all writs and processes of the city courts and all criminal processes of the Court of First Instance of the city, when placed in his hands for that purpose; shall exercise supervision over the police training school established in accordance with the rules and regulations of the police department; shall cause medico-legal examination by the medical examiner of the Manila Police Department of victims of violence or foul play, sex crimes, accidents, sudden death when the cause thereof is not known, self-inflicted injuries, intoxication, drug addiction, states of malingering and mental disorders, which are being investigated by the Manila Police Department or, in exceptional cases, by other agencies requesting assistance of the Manila Police Department; and shall cause examination by the medical examiner of the Manila Police Department or by a criminal investigation laboratory established within said department, of evidences and telltale marks of crime. He shall have such powers and perform such further duties as may prescribed by law or ordinance."

SEC. 2. The third paragraph of section thirty-eight B, Article VIII, of the same Act,, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"The City Fiscal shall also cause to be investigated the cause of sudden deaths which have not been satisfactorily explained and when there is suspicion that the cause arose from the unlawful acts or omissions of

other, persons, or from foul play, and, in general, victims of violence, sex crimes, accidents, self-inflicted injuries, intoxication, drug addiction, states of malingering and mental disorders, which occur within the jurisdiction of the City of Manila, and the examination of evidences and telltale marks of crimes. For that purpose, he may cause autopsies to be made and shall be entitled to demand and receive for purposes of such investigations, "examinations and/or autopsies, the aid of the office of the medical examiner, or the criminal investigation laboratory of the Manila Police Department, or subject to the rules and conditions previously established by the Secretary of Justice, the aid of the medico-legal section of the National Bureau of Investigation. In case the fiscal of the city deems it necessary to have further expert assistance for the satisfactory performance of his duties in relation with medico-legal matters or knowledge, including the giving of medical testimony in the courts of justice, he shall request the same, in the same manner and subject to the same rules and conditions as above specified, from the office of the medical examiner, or the criminal investigation laboratory of the Manila Police Department, or from the medico-legal officer of the said bureau, who shall thereupon furnish the assistance required, in accordance with his powers and facilities. He shall at all times render such professional services as the Mayor or Board may require, and shall have such powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the law or ordinance."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 22, 1957.

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