

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PRIVILEGE OF GRATUITOUS MEDICAL ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Act No. 2456, February 03, 1915

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

SECTION 1. The privilege of gratuitous medical attendance of officers and employees of the Government of the Philippine Islands and their families is hereby abolished effective January first, nineteen hundred and eighteen: Provided, That after that date any person entitled under the rules and regulations of any Government hospital to sendee in the free wards thereof, shall have a right of priority in admission to such free wards if he is a Government employee.

SEC. 2. The said privilege shall hereafter be limited to the officer or employee of the Government, his wife and minor children, and the word "family" as hereinbefore used shall be construed to include only the wife and minor children.

SEC. 3. Hereafter the said privilege shall not include treatment for any disease or illness caused by vicious or immoral conduct of the patient.

SEC. 4. Persons authorized to receive medical attendance under this Act shall hereafter be entitled to admission to any Government Hospital and special service therein, or in any Government dispensary, and to other appropriate special service, including that of the Government Laboratories and supply of medicines, under the same conditions, rules, regulations and charges which govern the admission and service of other patients, but at a discount of thirty-three and one-third per cent from the usual charges.

SEC. 5. All Acts, executive orders, or regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.

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

Enacted, February 3, 1915.

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