

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL MATERNITY AND CHARITY CLINIC

Commonwealth Act No. 704, November 01, 1945

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Director of Health shall establish municipal maternity and charity clinics in municipalities and municipal districts having a population of not more than eight thousand inhabitants: Provided, That said municipalities and municipal districts have no puericulture centers or other health organizations established.

SEC. 2. To take charge of a municipal maternity and charity clinic established under this Act the Director of Health shall appoint a duly licensed physician; a registered nurse should there be no physician available; or a registered midwife, should no physician, or registered nurse be available: Provided, however, That such appointee shall reside in the municipality or municipal district for which he is appointed and that he shall serve subject to the rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the Director of Health with the approval of the Department Head.

SEC. 3. The municipal maternity and charity clinic shall attend to all obstetrical cases in the municipality and shall render free service to indigent patients certified as such by the municipal treasurer.

SEC. 4. A physician appointed to take charge of a municipal maternity and charity clinic shall be given a basic compensation of one hundred pesos a month provided said physician attends to at least fifty patients during the month, fifty per cent of whom shall be mothers and babies under one year of age; in addition, said physician shall be granted an additional compensation of twenty-five pesos for every childbirth personally attended by him or her, said rate of additional compensation not to exceed fifty pesos or a total of one hundred fifty pesos per month including the basic compensation.

A registered nurse shall have a basic compensation of sixty pesos a month provided she attends to at least forty patients during the month; in addition, the nurse shall be given an additional compensation of fifteen pesos for every childbirth attended by her which additional pay shall not exceed a total of forty pesos during the month or a total monthly compensation including the basic salary, of one hundred pesos.

A registered midwife shall have a basic compensation of thirty pesos a month provided she attends to thirty patients during the month; in addition, she shall be granted an additional compensation of ten pesos for every childbirth attended by her during the month which additional pay shall not exceed forty pesos or a total of seventy pesos including her basic compensation.

SEC. 5. In Mindanao and Sulu and the Provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, Samar, Batanes, and the Mountain Province, the basic pay and the additional compensation provided in section four of this Act shall be doubled.

SEC. 6 The sum of seven hundred thousand pesos is hereby appropriated from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to cover the expenses for salaries, supplies, equipment, traveling expenses and other

sundry expenses that may be needed to carry out the provisions of this Act and shall not be affected by any priority appropriation established by law.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, November 1, 1945.

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