AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR TO JUNE THIR...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1150, June 17, 1954

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

SECTION 1. Appropriation of funds.—The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines during the period from July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four to June thirtieth nineteen hundred and fifty-five, except where otherwise specifically provided:

[Itimized portions on salaries and wages and other expenditures omitted for lack of space]

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 2. Authority to pay salaries not in conformity the prescribed grades or rates of compensation.— Payment to incumbent employees of salaries the rates of which are not in conformity with the schedule of grad or rates of compensation provided in section three of commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred and two amended, is hereby authorized: Provided, That new appointments, whether original or promotional, to positions not carrying the salary rates prescribed in Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred and two, as amended, shall be made only at the rates authorized in the said Act

SEC. 3. Authority to use savings in appropriations for "salaries and wages," for "sundry expenses," and for "furniture and equipment" to cover deficits.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any savings in the regular appropriations authorized in this Act for the Executive Departments for salaries and wages, for sundry expenses, and for furniture and equipment of the bureaus and offices under any Department, may, with the approval of the President, be used to cover a deficit in any other item of the regular appropriations, except for salaries and wages, under the same Department. Likewise, any savings in the appropriations for salaries and wages, for sundry expenses, and for furniture and equipment of any item under "special purposes," may, with the approval of the President, be used to cover a deficit in any other item of appropriation, except for salaries and wages, under the same or other special purpose under the same Department. In no case, however, shall any item in the regular appropriations and appropriations for "special purposes" be augmented, pursuant to the authority granted in this section, by more than fifty per centum of the original appropriation provided in this Act for such item.

SEC. 4. Quarterly report to Congress on transfers of appropriations.—The Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Budget shall report separately to the Congress quarterly any transfer of appropriation made to cover a deficit, the report to specify the items and the amounts involved and in as many copies as there are members thereof.

SEC. 5. Authority to use savings for other purposes.— The President of the Philippines is authorized to use any

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savings in the appropriations authorized in this Act for Executive Departments (1) for the payment of claims under section 699 of the Revised Administrative Code and the Workmen's Compensation Act, whichever is applicable, to officers, employees and laborers who died or injured in line of duty; (2) for the commutation of the money value of the additional leave, extended leave and accrued leave earned by American and deceased Filipino officers and employees, or by Filipino officers and employees separated from the service except for cause, for service rendered prior to November twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and thirty-six; (3) for the purchase of furniture and equipment to replace those that may be lost through accident, fire or other calamity, or may have been damaged through the same cause, the disposal of which is deemed reasonable and necessary, if it would be more expensive to have them repaired, and for the purchase with the approval of the President of furniture and equipment to replace unserviceable ones condemned by the Auditor General; (4) for the payment of salaries of suspended employees who have subsequently been exonerated; (5) for the payment of the share of the National Government in the salaries of national officials in newly created cities and provinces where no appropriation has been provided therefor; (6) for the payment to the Government Service Insurance System, of the three per cent contribution of the Government for the employees' insurance premiums corresponding to the period from December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-one to February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and forty-five, pursuant to section four of Republic Act Numbered One hundred thirty-two, the provisions of section 7(c) of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred eighty-six, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding; (7) for the payment of commuted sick and Ration leaves of employees who may be retired under existing laws; (8) for the payment of additional compensation to government nurses assigned to public health nursing at P50 a month in lieu of quarters, subsistence laundry allowances as provided under section three of Republic Act Numbered Six hundred forty-nine; (9) for the purchase or rental of accounting machines to carry out the plan of mechanizing the accounting system in the Government; (10) for the payment of premiums on insurance of government buildings and properties with the Property Insurance Fund in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Six hundred fifty-six; (11) for the payment of the obligation of the National Government under the provisions of subsection (a) under section 2553 of the Revised Administrative Code; (12) for the payment of the cash commutation of the accumulated vacation and sick leave of employees separated from the service, in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Six hundred eleven; (13) for the payment of expenses for printing of briefs in cases appealed by the Government; (14) for gratuity of employees whose positions are abolished or who are retired; (15) for the improvement of food rations in government hospitals and leprosaria; (16) for rural improvement; and (17) for payment to the Bureau of Prisons for its normal operation,

SEC. 6. Suspension of expenditure of appropriations.— Except as otherwise provided in this Act and whenever in his judgment the public interest so requires, the President is authorized to suspend or otherwise stop the expenditure of any amount herein appropriated in any item or items for the Executive Departments for any purpose, except those for salaries of positions with incumbents, and thereupon the funds affected by such action shall become available for any other expenditures authorized in this Act for the Executive Departments as the President may determine, except for salaries and wages. In no case, however, shall any item of appropriation be augmented, pursuant to the authority granted in this section, by more than fifty per centum of the original appropriation provided in this Act for such item. The Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Budget shall report separately to the Congress within a period of thirty days any suspension or transfer of funds made by the President during the previous quarter.

SEC. 7. Provision for "excess of actual salary."—The item of appropriation for "excess of actual salary" provided in this Act under "salaries and wages" shall be paid to the incumbent of the position to which said "excess" pertains who is actually receiving the same "excess" as part of the salary granted to him upon his appointment to said position before the reduction of the basic pay thereof to the amount provided herein: PROVIDED,

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HOWEVER, That if the position be vacated and the successor to its previous incumbent shall have previously received an equal salary plus the "excess of actual salary" in the same or any other branch of the government service, such excess shall be allowable to him.

SEC. 8. Allotment of funds to cover authorized appropriations.—

- No appropriation to any bureau, office or agency shall become available for expenditure until such bureau, office or agency shall have submitted to the Commissioner of the Budget a request for allotment of funds, such request for allotment to consist of an estimate of the amount required for each activity and each purpose for which money is to be expended during the applicable allotment period, and until such estimate contained in the said request for allotment shall have been approved, increased or decreased by the Commissioner of the Budget and funds allotted therefor as hereinafter provided. The form of the said request for allotment shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of the Budget and shall be submitted to him at least 25 days prior to the beginning of the first allotment period.

- For purposes of the administration of the allotment system herein provided, each fiscal year shall be divided into four quarterly allotment periods beginning, respectively, on the first day of July, October, January and April: PROVIDED, That in any case where the quarterly allotment period is impracticable, the Commissioner of the Budget may prescribe a different period suited to the circumstances but not extending beyond the end of the fiscal year.

- Each request for allotment shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of the Budget and the respective amounts therein shall be allotted for expenditures, provided the estimate therein is within the terms of the appropriations as to amount and purpose, having due regard for the probable future needs of the bureau, office or agency for the remainder of the fiscal year or other term for which the appropriation was made, and provided the bureau, office or agency contemplates expenditure of the allotment during the period. Otherwise, the said Commissioner of the Budget shall act promptly upon all requests for allotment and terms of the appropriation and the prospective needs of the bureau, office or agency, and shall reduce the amount to be allotted accordingly. The Commissioner of the Budget shall act promptly upon all requests for allotment and shall notify every bureau, office or agency of its allotments at least 5 days before the beginning of each allotment period. The total amount allotted to any bureau, office or agency for the fiscal year or other term for which the appropriation was made shall not exceed the amount appropriated for said year or term.

- The Commissioner of the Budget shall also have authority at any time to modify or amend any allotment previously made by him.

- In case the Commissioner of the Budget shall discover at any time that the probable receipts from taxes or other sources for any fund will be less than were anticipated and that as a consequence the amount available for the remainder of the term of the appropriation, or for any allotment period will be less than the amount estimated or allotted therefor, he shall, with the approval of the President, and after notice to the bureau, office or agency concerned, reduce the amount or amounts allotted, or to be allotted, so as to prevent a deficit.

- The Commissioner of the Budget shall promptly transmit records of all allotments and modifications thereof to the Auditor General, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

- Commissioner of the Budget shall maintain re-showing at all times by funds, accounts, and other pertinent classifications for the amounts appropriated, the estimated revenues, the actual revenues or receipts, the amounts allotted and available for expenditures, the un-liquidated obligations, actual balances on hand, and the

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unencumbered balances of the allotments for each bureau, office or agency.

- No payment shall be made and no obligation shall be incurred against any fund, allotment or appropriation unless the accounting officers of the Budget Commission shall first certify that there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in such fund, allotment or appropriation, after taking into consideration all previous expenditures and outstanding obligations, to meet the same.

- Every expenditure or obligation authorized or incurred in violation of the provisions of this Act shall be void. Every payment made in violation of the provisions of this Act shall be illegal, and every official authorizing or making such payment, or taking part therein, and every person receiving such payment, or any part thereof, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Government for the full amount so paid or received. If any officer or employee of the Government shall knowingly incur any obligation or shall authorize or make any expenditure in violation of the provisions of this Act, or take part therein, it shall be ground for his removal by the officer appointing him, and if the appointing officer be other than the President and shall fail to remove such officer or employee, the President shall exercise such power of removal after giving notice of the charges and opportunity for hearing thereon to the accused officer or employee and to the officer appointing him.

- Since the effective operation of the allotment system with respect to the appropriations authorized in this Act s affected, by the appropriations authorized in other acts, the provisions of this section relating to the allotment system are hereby made expressly applicable to other approbations and funds of all kinds, including standing or continuing appropriations, and special trust and other funds; but the provisions hereof relating to the allotment system shall not apply to appropriations for the Congress of the Philippines, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Courts of First Instance and Justice of the Peace Courts nor appropriations or any other monies made available for the General Auditing Office and the Commission on Election.

SEC. 9. Creation of appropriation reserves.—The chief of bureaus and offices shall establish reserves of not less than five per centum of the total appropriation of then respective bureaus and offices to provide for contingencies and emergencies which would otherwise require a deficiency appropriation. All or a portion of an appropriation may be reserved when it is determined that the amounts involved may not be needed. Should conditions change during the fiscal year which would justify the use of the reserve, the necessary adjustment may be made by the Commissioner of the Budget when requested by the bureau or office affected.

SEC. 10. Purchase of locally manufactured furniture, equipment, parts, accessories, supplies and materials.—All appropriations for the purchase of furniture, equipment, supplies and materials authorized in this Act shall be available only for locally manufactured furniture, equipment, parts, accessories, supplies and materials, except when none is available in the market, or when the prices of the locally manufactured article exceed those determined by the Flag Law by ten per cent.

SEC. 11. Renting of automobiles, jitneys or trucks for a continuous period exceeding fifteen days prohibited.—No appropriation provided in this Act for the Executive Departments shall be used for renting automobiles, jitneys or trucks on the monthly basis nor on the daily basis for a continuous period exceeding fifteen days.

SEC. 12. Authority to purchase motor vehicles.—No appropriation authorized in this Act shall be used for the purchase of automobiles, jitneys, jeeps, station wagons, motorcycles and other motor vehicles unless otherwise specifically provided in this Act.

SEC. 13. Officials entitled to government motor transportation.—The following officials are entitled to use government motor transportation chargeable against the appropriations authorized in this Act:

- The President of the Philippines,

- The Vice-President of the Philippines,

- The President of the Senate,

- The Speaker of the House of Representatives,

- The President Pro-Tempore of the Senate,

- The Majority Floor Leader of the Senate,

- The Chairman, Committee on Finance, of the Senate,

- The Chairman, Committee on Accounts, of the Senate,

- The Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, of the Senate,

- The Chairman, Committee on Public Works, of the Senate,

- The Minority Floor Leader of the Senate,

- The Secretary of the Senate,

- The Speaker Pro-Tempore of the House of Representatives,

- The Majority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives,

- The Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, of the House of Representatives,

- The Chairman, Committee on Accounts, of the House of Representatives,

- The Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, of the House of Representatives,

- The Chairman, Committee on Public Works, of the House of Representatives,

- The Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives,

- The Secretary of the House of Representatives,

- The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,

- The Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals,

- The Auditor General,

- The Ambassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary and Consuls in charge of consulates while in their respective stations abroad, and

- The Chief of Staff and the Vice-Chief of Staff and the Commanding Officers of the Major Services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 14. Officials entitled to transportation allowance.- The Department Heads, including the Administrator Economic Coordination, the Commissioner of the Budget the Chairman of the Commission on Elections, and the Social Welfare Administrator are hereby granted a commutable transportation allowance of two hundred fifty pesos each per month; the Undersecretaries of Departments and officials with the same rank, the Public Service Commissioner, the Legislative Secretary, the Legislative Liaison Officer, and the Presiding Judge of the Court of Industrial Relations, two hundred pesos each per month; and the following Directors or chiefs of bureaus and offices, and the Sergeant At Arms of the House of Representatives, one hundred pesos each per month, chargeable against the appropriations authorized in this Act for their respective offices:

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- The Director of Printing,
- The Commissioner of Civil Service,
- The Commissioner of Customs,
- The Collector of Internal Revenue,
- The Treasurer of the Philippines,
- The Purchasing Agent, Bureau of Supply,
- The Insurance Commissioner,
- The Chief, General Land Registration Office,
- The Director, National Bureau of Investigation,
- The Commissioner of Immigration,
- The Director of Prisons,
- The Chairman, Code Commission,
- The Director of Plant Industries
- The Director of Animal Industry,
- The Director of Forestry,
- The Director of Lands,
- The Director of Mines,
- The Director of Fisheries,
- The Director of Soil Conservation,
- The Director of Agricultural Extension,
- The Manager, Fiber Inspection Service,
- The Director of Public Works,
- The Director of Posts,
- The Director of Telecommunications,
- The Chief, Motor Vehicles Office,
- The Director of Public Schools,
- The Director of Public Libraries,
- The Director, Institute of National Language,
- The Director of National Museum,
- The Director of Private Schools,
- The Director of Labor,

- The Commissioner, National Employment Service,

- The Commissioner, Workmen's Compensation Commission,

- The Chief, Wage Administration Service,

- The Captain (Director), Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey,

- The Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board,

- The Chairman, Board on Pensions for Veterans,

- The Director of Quarantine,

- The Director of Hospitals,

- The Director of Health,

- The Director of Commerce,

- The Administrator, Sugar Quota Administration,

- The Director, Patent Office,

- The Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission,

- The Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration,

- The Director, Weather Bureau,

- The Director of the Census and Statistics,

- The Administrator, Cooperatives Administration Office,

- The Director, Institute of Science and Technology,

- The Director, Philippine General Hospital, and

- The Counselors in the Department of Foreign Affairs.

SEC. 15. Bureaus and offices entitled to use operate and maintain government motor vehicles and launches.—No bureau or office shall use, operate or maim 1 from the appropriations authorized in this Act government service cars, jeeps, station wagons, vans, service trucks pick-up trucks, launches, speedboats, motorcycles, etc except the following:

- The House of Representatives, for general service purposes;

- The Senate, for general service purposes;

- The Malacañang Household, for general service purposes;

- The National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, in the coordination of the national intelligence activities and in carrying out its functions in the interest of national security;

- The Radio Station DZFM, for covering special events for delayed broadcasts, servicing of sponsored programs, contacting artists, fetching "sign on" personnel and conducting home those "signing off;"

- The Social Welfare Administration, for ministering relief, during military actions against dissidents, to evacuees, the injured and incapacitated and to the victims of typhoons, earthquakes, fires, floods, tidal waves and volcanic

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eruptions; and for conducting the inmates of Welfareville to and from the Courts, hospitals and other offices, procuring materials and food supplies for their subsistence, and delivering food to the various units within the Welfareville compound, including collection and dispose of garbage;

- The Budget Commission, for the gathering from the various government offices and instrumentalities of such data and information as are essentially material or pertinent to the exercise of authority over budget operations and control, for the performance of duties connected with the preparation of the National Budget, and for wage and position classification survey;

- The Bureau of Printing, for the delivery and/or shipment of printed matters, books and/or forms to various offices;

- The Department of Foreign Affairs, for carrying out protocol duties in connection with the arrival or visit in the Philippines of high dignitaries and officials or accredited representatives of foreign governments, and for the delivery of diplomatic pouches to and from points of embarkation or shipment;

- The Bureau of Customs, for use of examiners of the Appraisers Division in the inspection of bonded warehouses, including embroidery factories, for hauling parcels from the Bureau of Posts to the Customs Building for examination, and for carrying out the so-called "immediate payment system" under which the Division will dispatch in a motor vehicle import entries for examination to its supervisors stationed at the piers for distribution to the examiners detailed under them and have the examined entries and the examiners' samples brought to the Customs Building, and for carrying out detective and police duties of the Port Patrol Division in Manila and of the patrol service in the Port of Cebu;

- The Bureau of Internal Revenue, for the strict enforcement of the internal revenue laws and regulations and detection of violations thereof;

- The Philippine Council for United States Aid (PHILCUSA), for use in inspecting projects being undertaken by the Government jointly with the Foreign Operations Administration (FOA) and in gathering and transmitting data and information necessary for the efficient supervision and coordination of the activities of said Projects;

- The Bureau of the Treasury, for transportation of cash from the Central Bank of the Philippines to the bureau of the Treasury, and vice versa;

- The National Bureau of Investigation, for detection and investigation of crimes and criminals and other law violations;

- The Bureau of Prisons, for conducting prisoners to. and from the Bureau of Prisons, inspection of prison institutions and stations, procuring food supplies and materials, and delivering products and/or manufactures of the Prison Industries in Muntinlupa and in the penal colonies;

- The Bureau of Fisheries, for the collection of marine specimens, inspection of experimental fish farms and distribution of seedlings;

- The Bureau of Plant Industry, for the control of abaca mosaic and other plant pests and diseases, including demonstration and extension work;

- The Bureau of Forestry, for the distribution of seedlings and transportation of supplies and materials and cinchona barks to ports of shipment;

- The Bureau of Animal Industry, for the distribution of animal products and transportation of animals and feeds, including insemination work;

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- The Bureau of Agricultural Extension, for carrying out its extension work and diffusing among the people, particularly those in rural areas, useful and practical information on agriculture, soil conservation, livestock, fisheries, forest conservation, public lands and natural resources laws, home economics and rural life by means of field demonstrations, lectures, conferences, publications and other means of disseminating information;

- The Bureau of Public Works, for undertaking the construction of public works projects, inspection and supervision thereof, and for the procurement of construction supplies and materials;

- The Bureau of Posts, for the transportation of strictly mail matters;

- The Bureau of Telecommunications, for the construction, repair, transfer and maintenance of telegraph, telephone and radio stations and circuits and the delivery of telegrams and radiograms;

- The Motor Vehicles Office, for the enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Law;

- The vocational schools, for instructional purposes requiring the use, demonstration and/or operation of motor other powered vehicles;

- The Armed Forces of the Philippines, when on military operations or on active duty in the restoration and maintenance of peace and order;

- The Department of Health, for the use of the Division of Tuberculosis in ECG Vaccination and Traveling X-ray Examination Units, the Division of Health Education and Information in exhibiting health films and dissemination of health information in rural areas, and the public Health Research Laboratories in connection with health research, including the distribution of vaccines, sera and other biological preparations;

- Government hospitals, for ambulance service and procuring food supplies and materials for the subsistence of patients and personnel entitled thereto;

- The Bureau of Health, for health, sanitation and prevention and control of epidemics;

- The Bureau of Quarantine, whenever used by quarantine officers exclusively for quarantine work;

- The Civil Aeronautics Administration, for the operation and maintenance of its landing fields, including supervision and reconstruction or repair of signaling equipment located thereat;

- The Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, for carrying out field reconnaissance, triangulations, precise leveling and magnetic and gravity measurements, and for ship servicing;

- The Weather Bureau, for the maintenance, operation and inspection of its meteorological stations, including the Manila International Airport Forecasting Center and the Diliman Geophysical and Astronomical Station, and delivery of supplies thereto;

- The General Auditing Office, for the inspection of the delivery of equipment and supplies and materials to the various bureaus and offices of the Government, as well to sites of public works construction, and for surprise examination of disbursing officers;

- The Bureau of Mines, for the transportation of mineral samples to and from the office for the geological mineralogical and mineral land survey parties operating in the different parts of the Philippines;

- The Fiber Inspection Service, for carrying out its work of inspection and supervision of fiber grading-baling establishments, fiber improvement and demonstration work;

- The Institute of Science and Technology, for visit and inspection of factories, for the collection of forest plant,

animal and marine by-products and agricultural wastes for use in research and laboratory investigations including survey of sources of raw materials in different regions;

- The Office of Economic Coordination, for use in inspecting projects being undertaken by government corporations, including private industrial establishments applying for tax exemption under Republic Act Numbered Thirty-five, and in gathering and transmitting data and information necessary for the efficient supervision and coordination of the activities of the said corporations;

- The Wage Administration Service, for use by regional wage inspection supervisors in supervising the enforcement of the Minimum Wage Law, in the inspection of agricultural, industrial and commercial establishments, especially in out-of-the-way locations, and in making special investigations and economic surveys necessary for the administration and enforcement of the law; and

- The Commission of Volcanology, for inspecting and observing volcanoes and warning people in danger areas.

SEC. 16. Proper use of government motor vehicles.— The use of government motor vehicles by bureaus and offices for the purposes enumerated in section fifteen hereof shall be authorized only through the issuance for each trip of a serially numbered ticket, duly signed by the chief or the administrative officer of the bureau or office for official business, bear government plates only and after office hours kept in the garage provided therefor by the office to which they belong, except when in use for strictly official business outside office hours.

SEC. 17. Use of more than one motor vehicle prohibited.—With the exception of the President, no government official or employee authorized to use any vehicle operated and maintained from the funds appropriated in this Act shall be allowed to use more than one such motor vehicle: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the Vice-President, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may be allowed to use two motor vehicles each: AND PROVIDED, FINALLY, That no official who has been furnished motor transportation by any government corporation shall be allowed to use motor vehicle transportation operated and maintained from funds appropriated in this Act.

The Auditor General is hereby empowered to issue rules and regulations for the proper implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this section and sections 14, 15 and 16.

SEC. 18. Disposition of motor vehicles not used by a bureau or office.—All motor vehicles owned by or assigned to the different departments, bureaus, offices and branches of the National Government not needed by the officials and for the purposes enumerated in sections thirteen and fifteen of this Act shall be disposed of to the highest bidder at public auction sales announced in newspapers of general circulation at least ten days before the sale: Provided, That the former user thereof shall be given preference if he offers and pays a price equal to that of the highest bid by others.

SEC. 19. Prohibition against the use of appropriations for the payment of salaries and wages of officers or employees engaged in a strike against the Government.— Subject to existing civil service rules and regulations and the proper administrative proceedings, no part of the funds of, or available for expenditure by, any agency included in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any officer or employee who engages in a strike against Government of the Republic of the Philippines or who is a Member of an organization of government employees that in the opinion of the Secretary of Justice asserts right to strike against the Government of the of the Philippines, or who in the opinion of said Secretary of Justice advocates, or is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines by force or violence: PROVIDED, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered sufficient evidence that the person making the affidavit has not, contrary to the provisions of this section, engaged in a strike against the Government

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of the Republic of the Philippines, is not a member of any organization of government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines by force or violence.

SEC. 20. Per diems outside of the Philippines.—No per diems in excess of fifty pesos shall be paid to any official or employee traveling outside of the Philippines.

SEC. 21. No transfer of salary savings to the Government Service Insurance System.—The provisions of Republic Act No. 660 to the contrary notwithstanding, no savings from salaries and wages under the general fund and the special, revolving, trust, depository and other funds shall be transferred to the Government Service Insurance System.

SEC. 22. Reinsurance of government buildings to be equitably distributed among private insurance companies in the Philippines.—In all cases where appropriations are provided in this Act for payment of premiums covering the insurance of government buildings with the Property Insurance Fund, reinsurance shall be equitably distributed among private insurance companies doing business in the Philippines on uniform terms, conditions and rates of premiums.

SEC. 23. Prohibition against the transfer of appropriations of the Department of National Defense.-The provisions of section 6 of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding no amount appropriated for the Department National Defense shall be transferred to any other Executive Department.

SEC. 24. Use of savings from abolished positions for standardizing salaries.—Any vacant position in any bureau or office in any Executive Department may be abolished and the savings resulting therefrom shall be available for standardizing under the provisions of Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred two, as amended, the salaries of other positions in any bureau or office within the same Executive Department: PROVIDED, That the maximum salary may be fixed at seven thousand two hundred pesos per annum, the provisions of the said Commonwealth Act, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 25. Authority to harmonize the appropriation structure with the new terminology of classification of accounts prescribed in Auditor General Circular No. 29.—The Commissioner of the Budget is hereby authorized to harmonize the appropriation structure with the new terminology of classification of accounts prescribed in Auditor General Circular No. 29: Provided, That such reclassification shall not increase or decrease the aggregate sum appropriated in this Act for the various objects affected under each Department, bureau or office.

SEC. 26. The Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives to look into all matters relating to public expenditures.—The Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives are hereby authorized to look at any time into all matters relating to funds for the expenditures of the National Government and for the payment of public indebtedness; auditing of accounts and expenditures of the National government; claims against the Government; and in general all matters relating to public expenditures.

SEC. 27. Expenditure and disbursement of special funds.—No expenditure shall be incurred, nor any disbursement made, out of the appropriations authorized in this Act from special, revolving and trust funds and from receipts automatically appropriated which will exceed at any time either the fund itself or the cash in the National Treasury pertaining to such fund.

SEC. 28. Appropriations chargeable against the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Fund.—The appropriations provided in this Act for carrying out the activities therefor financed from the receipts of the Philippine Charity

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Sweepstakes Fund shall continue to be charged against the said Fund, and the Board of Directors of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes shall allot the amounts thereof in the distribution of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Fund.

SEC. 29. Effective date.—This Act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, except where otherwise stated.

Approved, June 17, 1954, except all items and provisions under the Games and Amusements Board appearing on pages 1029 to 1035.

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