

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE ON CIVIL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ON THEIR FAMILIES.

Act No. 189, August 06, 1901

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

SECTION 1. There shall be at Manila an Attending Physician and Surgeon and an Assistant Attending Physician and Surgeon for civil officers and employees and for their families.

SEC. 2. The Attending Physician and Surgeon shall be appointed by the Civil Governor, by and with the consent of the Commission. He shall receive compensation at the rate of three thousand dollars per year in currency of the United States, payable monthly. He shall keep his office at the Ayuntamiento, or at such other place as the Civil Governor shall designate, and shall be present therein from ten o'clock antemeridian to one o'clock postmeridian daily, and shall there prescribe for all civil officers and employees, or members of their families, applying to him for treatment. He shall also there attend to minor surgical cases not requiring hospital treatment. Until such time as a public hospital for civilians shall be established at Manila, he shall perform major surgical operations for civil officers and employees and for members of their families in the operating room of the Women's Hospital, or at the homes of patients, as he may deem desirable. He shall hold himself in readiness at all times to respond to calls in consultation by the Assistant Attending Physician and Surgeon.

SEC. 3. The Assistant Attending Physician and Surgeon shall be appointed by the Attending Physician and Surgeon and shall be under his immediate direction. He shall receive compensation at the rate of two thousand dollars per year, in currency of the United States, payable monthly. He shall assist the Attending Physician and Surgeon in all major surgical operations and on all other occasions whenever requested to do so. He shall visit patients who, in the opinion of the Attending Physician and Surgeon, should be treated at their homes or in hospital, and shall answer night calls. Except in case of emergency, he shall be at the office from two o'clock and thirty minutes postmeridian to five o'clock and thirty minutes postmeridian daily.

SEC. 4. There shall be a properly equipped room for minor surgical operations and for dressings connected with the office.

SEC. 5. There shall be a dispensary connected with the office, where the prescriptions of the Attending Physician and Surgeon and of the Assistant Attending Physician and Surgeon shall be filled without charge.

SEC. 6. The dispensary shall be in charge of a properly qualified dispensing clerk, who shall be appointed by the Attending Physician and Surgeon and shall receive compensation at the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars per year, in currency of the United States, payable monthly. He shall be at the dispensary from eight o'clock and thirty minutes antemeridian to one o'clock postmeridian, from three o'clock postmeridian to five o'clock and thirty minutes postmeridian, and at such other hours as the Attending Physician and Surgeon may require. He shall assist the Attending Physician and Surgeon at operations whenever requested to do so.

SEC. 7. Civil officers and employees or members of their families who are not personally known to the Attending Physician and Surgeon shall, except in emergency cases, present notes of identification from the immediate heads

of their several Departments when they apply for medical treatment.

SEC. 8. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this Act, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, August 6, 1901.

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