

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1204, September 29, 1977]

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 79, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED POPULATION ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the population program constitutes a program for family planning, health and welfare;

WHEREAS, there exists a necessity for the active participation of the Secretaries of the Department of Local Government and Community Development and Department of Labor to represent the local government and labor sector respectively, in the formulation and implementation of policies of the national family planning, health and welfare program;

WHEREAS, further amendments to P.D. 79 are likewise necessary to strengthen the powers of the Commission on Population in order to implement more effectively the plans and policies enunciated in carrying out the purposes and objectives of the national family planning, health and welfare program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby decree;

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 79, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5.—Duties and Functions of the POPCOM.—The POPCOM shall have the following duties and powers:

(a) To employ or authorize the employment by participating agencies in the national family planning, health and welfare program of physicians, nurses, and midwives and other persons to provide, dispense and administer all acceptable methods of contraception to all citizens of the Philippines desirous of spacing, limiting, or preventing pregnancies: Provided, That the above mentioned persons except physicians, for the purpose of contraception, have been trained and duly certified by the POPCOM."

SEC. 2. Section 6 of Presidential Decree No. 79, as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. Board of Commissioners. All functions and powers of the POPCOM shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the Board, composed of the Secretary of Social Service and Development, Secretary of Education and Culture, Secretary of Health, Secretary of Economic Planning, Secretary of Local Government and Community Development, Secretary of Labor, Dean of the University of the Philippines Population Institute, Executive Director of the Population Center Foundation, Inc., and two (2) other members from the private sector who possess the necessary expertise in the field of population and who are not recipients of Population Commission