

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6365, August 16, 1971 ]**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON POPULATION,  
CREATING THE COMMISSION POPULATION AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Population Act of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The Congress of the Philippines hereby declares that for the purpose of furthering the national development, increasing the share of each Filipino in the fruits of economic progress and meeting the grave social and economic challenge of a high rate of population growth, a national program of family planning which respects the religious beliefs of the individuals involved shall be undertaken. The Congress of the Philippines further declares that the national population policy and program will include the following elements: quantitative goals will be established and adopted; a broad understanding of the effects of alternative rates of population growth on family and nation welfare be promoted; family planning will be made part a broad educational program; safe and effective means will be provided to couples desiring to space or limit family size; mortality and morbidity rates will be further reduce policies and programs guiding and regulating labor for participation, internal migration, and spatial distribute of population will be adopted; and contact with international agencies and private organizations concerned with population problems will be established and maintained on a regular basis.

SEC. 3. *Commission on Population: Creation and Com-position.* — To carry out the purposes and objectives of the Act, there is hereby created in the Office of the President a Commission on Population, hereinafter referred to as Commission, composed of the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Social Welfare, the Commissioner of National Integration, the Presidential Arm on Community Development, the Director of the University of the Philippines Population Institute, and in addition, the President shall appoint, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, s representative from each of the following: Philippine Press Institute, National League of Puericulture Centers Inc., Philippine Medical Association, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, the Responsible Parenthood Council and the Institute of Maternal and Child Health, for a term of five years.

SEC. 4. *Functions and Duties.* — The Commission shall have the following functions and duties:

- a. To formulate and adopt coherent, integrated and comprehensive long-term plans, programs and recommendations on population as it relates to economic

and social development consistent with and implementing the population policy, which shall be submitted to and approved by the President, upon recommendation of the National Economic Council: *Provided*, That the National Economic Council shall act on all such plans, programs and recommendations not later than sixty days from receipt thereof;

- b. To receive and approve project proposals and to coordinate and evaluate their implementation in accordance with approved plans and programs;
- c. To put up family planning clinics in cooperation with the Department of Health;
- d. To undertake such action projects as are necessary;
- e. To undertake, promote, and publish studies and investigations on Philippine population in all its aspects;
- f. To assemble and disseminate technical and scientific information relating to medical, social, economic and cultural phenomena as these affect or are affected by population;
- g. To submit an annual report to the President and to Congress on plans, programs, and progress of population activities. For this purpose, the Commission may require all agencies concerned to provide information necessary in the preparation of said report;
- h. To adopt rules of procedures for its government;
- i. To receive and accept from sources within and without the Philippines for its own use and not for sale, grants or donations of equipment, materials or services. Such grants or donations shall be exempt from gift taxes and deductible from the net taxable income of the grantor or donor and the donee, upon certification of the Commission: *Provided, however*, That any grant or donation received in accordance with this paragraph shall be disclosed to Congress through the annual report; and
- j. To perform such duties as proper authorities may from time to time direct the Commission to undertake.

The Commission may call upon any department, bureau, office or agency or instrumentality for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions.

SEC. 5. *Chairman*. — The Commission shall elect its Chairman from among its members.

The Chairman of the Commission shall be responsible for calling and presiding over its meetings and shall for be in behalf of the Commission, receive gifts or donations, in whatever form and "whatever source, and shall administer, obligate, and disburse the same, upon approval by a majority of the members of the Commission, and hire and maintain a staff to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Commission, in accordance with the terms of the donation, and in the absence thereof, in such manner as the Commission may in its discretion determine in conjunction with Section four, paragraph (i) *Provided*, That not more than fifteen percent of the funds of the Commission shall be utilized for administration expenses of the Commission.

SEC. 6. *Meetings*. — The Commission shall meet at least once in every four months and at other times at the call of the Chairman.

The Chairman of the Commission may constitute continuing or *ad hoc* committees consisting of the members of the Commission or such other experts as are deemed necessary to conduct studies for the Commission, or to assist it in the discharge of