

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5946, June 21, 1969]

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959" AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-TWO HUNDRED
AND TWENTY-FOUR.**

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

SECTION 1. Sections three, four, five, six, seven and nine of Republic Act Numbered Twenty-three hundred and eighty-two, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Forty-two hundred and twenty-four are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Composition of the Board of Medical Education.*—The Board of Medical Education shall be composed of the Secretary of Education or his duly authorized representative, as chairman; the Secretary of Health or his duly authorized representative; the Director of the Bureau of Private Schools or his duly authorized representative; the chairman of the Board of Medical Examiners or his duly authorized representatives a representative of the Philippine Medical Association; the Dean of the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines; a representative of the Council of Deans of Philippine Medical Schools; and a Representative of the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges, as members.

The officials acting as chairman and members of the Board of Medical Education shall hold office during their incumbency in their respective positions.

"SEC. 4. *Compensation and traveling expenses.*—The Chairman, members and Secretary of the Board of Medical Association shall be entitled to twenty-five pesos *per diem* for every meeting provided the number of meetings authorized with *per diem* shall not exceed four times a month and traveling expenses in connection with their official duties as herein provided.

"SEC. 5. *Functions.*—The functions of the Board of Medical Education shall be:

- (a) To determine and prescribe requirements for admission into a recognized college of medicine;
- (b) To determine and prescribe requirements for minimum physical facilities of colleges of medicine, to wit: buildings, including hospitals, equipment and supplies, apparatus, instruments, appliances, laboratories, bed capacity for instruction purposes, operating and delivery rooms, facilities for outpatient services, and others, used for didactic and practical instruction in accordance with modern trends;
- (c) To determine and prescribe the minimum number and minimum qualifications of teaching personnel, including student-teachers ratio;
- (d) To determine and prescribe the minimum required curriculum leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine;
- (e) To authorize the implementation of experimental medical curriculum in a medical school that has exceptional faculty and instrumental facilities. Such an experimental curriculum may prescribe admission and graduation requirements other than those prescribed in this Act; *Provided*, That only exceptional students shall be enrolled in the experimental curriculum.
- (f) To accept applications for certification for admission to a medical school and keep a register of those issued said certificate; and to collect from said applicants the amount of twenty-five pesos each which shall accrue to the operating fund of the Board of Medical Education;
- (g) To select, determine and approve hospitals or some departments of the hospitals for training which comply with the minimum specific physical facilities as provided in subparagraph (b) hereof; and
- (h) To promulgate and prescribe and enforce the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of the foregoing functions.

"SEC. 6. *Minimum required course.*—Students seeking admission to medical course must have a bachelor's degree in science or arts.

The medical course leading to the degree of doctor of medicine shall be at least four years and shall consist of the following subjects.

Anatomy
Physiology Biochemistry and Nutrition
Pharmacology
Microbiology
Parasitology
Medicine and Therapeutics
Pathology
Gynecology
Ophthalmology, Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology
Pediatrics
Obstetrics