

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4593, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE EYE RESEARCH INSTITUTE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the national policy of promoting scientific research in the Philippines, there is hereby established within the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines, the Philippine Eye Research Institute, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SEC. 2. The Institute shall consist of:

- a. Physical space and facilities for clinical, epidemiological and basic science investigation on eye diseases, particularly those prevalent or peculiar in the Philippines; and
- b. A regular staff of research scientists, technicians and administrative personnel.

SEC. 3. The Institute shall discharge the following functions:

- a. To undertake clinical applied and epidemiological investigations on eye diseases;
- b. To make fundamental and basic studies and experiments on the problems of eye diseases;
- c. To undertake research functions of the Department of Ophthalmology of the University of the Philippines;
- d. To collaborate with scientific researches in other fields of medicine;
- e. To provide stimulation and assistance to any ophthalmic research elsewhere in this country;
- f. To cooperate with scientific research activities here and abroad; and
- g. To formulate such plans, activities or proposals, and to recommend for adoption of the Board of Regents such policies, procedures, rules and regulations consistent with the power and effective operation of the Institute, as it shall deem necessary and reasonable.

SEC. 4. The Institute shall be administered by a Director and Assistant Director who should be recognized clinical and/or basic science researchers in ophthalmology. They shall be appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines upon recommendation of the University President.

SEC. 5. There shall be an Advisory Council of the Institute to be composed of the Dean of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine, as chairman, and the Director of the Philippine General Hospital, the chairman of the Department of