

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3814, June 22, 1963 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created under the Department of Health a bureau of dental health services.

This bureau shall be headed by a Director who shall be a dentist of good moral character with achievements and must have practiced dentistry for a period of not less than ten years. The Director shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments and shall receive a compensation as a regular bureau director.

The bureau shall be organized by the Director of Dental Health Services with the approval of the Secretary of Health and shall have the following divisions: Administrative Division; Research, Standards and Statistics Division; Rural Dental Health Division; Industrial Dental Health Division; Hospital, Puericulture, Charity Health Center Dental Health Division; and such other divisions which may be deemed necessary in the interest of the public health dentistry.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Dental Health Services is charged with the protection of the dental health of the people of the Philippines and the maintenance of an adequate standard of dental health services and the improvement of such standards. Its general powers and functions shall extend to and comprehend integration among other things, the following:

- (a) The coordination, control and supervision of all dental health services in the government except those of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and dental infirmaries for the training of dental students in dental schools and dental colleges, and those under the Department of Education.
- (b) Supervision of such dental health services in private firms, companies, corporations, and private educational institutions, except dental infirmaries for the training of dental students in dental schools or colleges.
- (c) The making of statistics, researches, and investigations as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of improving public dental health.

SEC. 3. To carry out the provisions of this Act, the Private School Dental Education