

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 731, June 18, 1952]

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NATIONAL INDIGENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the Department of Health, a hospital in the City of Manila, to be known as the National Indigent Children's Hospital, which shall be under the management and supervision of a Director who must be a physician of good repute, graduate from a medical college of recognized standing and has for five years engaged in the practice of medicine. The Director of said hospital shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health, and shall receive a compensation of six thousand pesos per annum. The Director of the National Indigent Children's hospital shall have all the powers conferred generally on chiefs of Government hospitals.

SEC. 2. It shall be incumbent upon the National Indigent Children's Hospital to render free medical service and give accommodation gratuitously to sick and/or undernourished and indigent children, at the request of their parents or guardians.

SEC. 3. The Director of the National Indigent Children's Hospital shall have authority to promulgate, with the approval of the Director of Hospitals, such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to secure the efficient administration of the hospital and the proper enforcement of laws relating thereto.

SEC. 4. With the approval of the Secretary of Health, the Director may allow subsistence, quarters, and laundry service in kind to physicians, nurses, or employees serving in the hospital whenever such action seems advisable for the best interest of the public service.

SEC. 5. Upon the approval of this Act, the personnel and all properties and other assets of the Indigent Children's Hospital shall be transferred and automatically reverted to the National Indigent Children's Hospital established under the provisions hereof.

SEC. 6. The sum of two hundred and fifty thousand pesos or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for building expenses, purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment; salaries and wages of personnel and other necessary expenses of the National Indigent Children's Hospital during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of June nineteen hundred and fifty-three and thereafter, the same amount shall be set aside in the General Appropriation Act every year, for the same purpose.