[PRC BOARD OF MEDICINE RESOLUTION NO. 27 s. 1993, July 23, 1993]

FULL COMPUTERIZATION OF THE PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

WHEREAS the Board of Medicine is empowered by Sec. 22, Art. III of R.A. No. 2382, as amended: "The Medical Act of 1959" and Sec. 6, (a) of P.D. No. 223, as amended, to adopt measures or policies that will preserve and improve the technical, ethical, and moral standards of the profession of medicine.

WHEREAS the full computerization of the Physician Licensure Examination is a policy that has three (3) beneficial effects to the effective supervision, regulation, and control of the licensure and practice of the profession: (1) it will bring about the confidentiality, integrity, credibility, and quality of the examination which the Board and the Commission are sworn to uphold and preserve so as to win the public trust and faith therein; (2) it will ensure the immediate release of the examination henceforth, paying the way for the successful examinees to work or practice at once; and (3) it will accord the Board more time for the supervision, regulation, and control of the practice of the profession;

WHEREAS under Res. No. 265, Series of 1993, the Commission directed that the examinations of all the professions under the jurisdiction and supervision thereof "shall be fully computerized in 1993 except those professions with examinees below 1000 which shall be programmed in 1994"; and

WHEREAS the process of full computerization of the licensure examination does not only involve the correction and rating of testpapers, but it does also utilize test bank from which questions are extracted and randomly arranged by and through the computer;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the quasi-legislative power thereof under Sec. 17, Art. III of R.A. No. 2382 as amended, the Board hereby RESOLVES, as it is so resolved, to fully computerize the Physician Licensure Examination starting with the August 14, 15, 21 and 22, 1993 schedule under these guidelines and procedures, viz.:

1.   The Board Member shall input into the test bank at least five hundred (500) questions for each subject as the starting point which must be built up by a minimum of three hundred (300) every examination to reach the ideal optimum three thousand (3000) questions or more. The questions deposited in the testbank shall be withdrawable and replenishable with new ones so as to keep abreast with the latest scientific trend of the profession.

2.   The inputted questions may come from those personally prescribed or formulated by the Board Member or from those which he/she has adopted from the