[Act No. 2745, February 18, 1918]

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC WELFARE BOARD FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Twenty-five hundred and ten, entitled

"An Act for the purpose of establishing a Public Welfare Board for the Philippine Islands, and defining its powers, functions, and duties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. There is hereby created, within the powers and limitations hereinafter specified, a board, which shall be known as the Public Welfare Board for the Philippine Islands, and shall belong to the Department of the Interior."

SEC. 2. Section two of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The purpose of said Board shall be to study, coordinate, and regulate as far as possible and practicable, the efforts of all Government agencies and influences interested in public welfare or social service work, and of such private agencies or organizations as receive Government support for similar ends, to secure as far as possible a wise expenditure of all Government funds appropriated for charity and all public welfare purposes; to promote, inspect, and regulate the organization of private institutions for charitable purposes, and to investigate social conditions in the Philippine Islands with a view to relief or other remedy where necessary."

SEC. 3. Section three of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Public Welfare Board shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be physicians, and who shall all be citizens of the Philippine Islands or of the United States, and residents of the Philippine Islands. They shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to hold office for a term of three years, and shall serve without compensation, except as hereinafter provided. The Secretary of the Interior shall designate from among the members of the Board a chairman and a secretary."

SEC. 4. Section four of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. The Public Welfare Board shall, under the immediate control, direction, and executive supervision of the 'Secretary of the Interior, have the following powers and duties:

"(*a*) To receive and appropriate such sums or properties as may be provided by law or raised through public contribution to take care of