

[Act No. 309, December 02, 1901]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY VACCINATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

By authority of the President of the United States, be it enacted by the United States Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. In municipalities where municipal boards of health have not been established, or where said boards have been established but their presidents are unable, without assistance, to thoroughly protect by vaccination the inhabitants of their respective municipalities against smallpox, the Commissioner of Public Health shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, for the purpose of carrying on public vaccinations, such public vaccinators or other employees as the Commission shall authorize.

SEC. 2. Every person living in the Philippine Islands who can not furnish satisfactory evidence, either by a certificate of recent date from a president of a municipal board of health, public vaccinator, duly qualified physician, or such other person as the Board of Health for the Philippine Islands may designate, or otherwise, to the effect that he is immune against smallpox, shall submit to vaccination as often as may be required by a municipal or provincial board of health, or by the Board of Health for the Philippine Islands; and such vaccination shall be performed gratis.

SEC. 3. Every parent, guardian, or person having charge of one or more children over three months of age shall see that they are presented for examination and vaccination at such place and time as may be specified by a president of a municipal board of health or a public vaccinator, and that they are returned on the eighth day after such presentation to said place so that the result of the vaccination may be verified: *Provided*, That any person may call upon a president of a municipal board of health or a public vaccinator to perform vaccinations at the residence of such person, in which cases the vaccinations shall be performed as requested, and the person performing them shall collect the sum of one peso for each person so vaccinated. The funds accruing from such charges for vaccination shall be paid weekly by the persons collecting them into the treasury of the municipality where the vaccination is performed.

SEC. 4. On the presentation for vaccination of any child which is found, by reason of its health, to be unfit for the operation, presidents of municipal boards of health or public vaccinators shall postpone such vaccination, but shall give due notice to parents, guardians, or other persons having charge of such child to return if at some fixed time, which instruction shall be obeyed by its parent, guardian, or other person in charge.

SEC. 5. Every parent, guardian, or other person in charge of one, or more children who shall be found guilty of neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of sections two and three of this Act shall be fined five dollars, in money of the United States, for each offense. One-half of the fine shall be paid to the person or persons giving the information leading to conviction and the other half shall be paid into the municipal treasury.