

# [ Commonwealth Act No. 542, May 26, 1940 ]

## **AN ACT TO CREATE A CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS. THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND PURPOSES.**

*Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:*

SECTION .1. Concepcion B. Gonzales, Trinidad F. Legarda, Emilia G. Lim, Concepcion M. Gil, Macina Y Vargas, Pilar Hidalgo Lira, Josefa Llanes Escoda, Helena Z. Eeriteez, Maria Aurora Quezon, Lulu Reyes, Lily de las Alas, Leni Alano, Erlinda Kalaw, Betty Magalona, Lourdes Ledesma, Minerva G. Laudico, all of Manila, Philippines, their associates and successors, are created a body corporate, under the control, direction, and supervision of the Commissioner on Health and Public Welfare, by the name, style, and title of "Girl Scouts of the Philippines (hereinafter called the corporation). The principal office of the corporation shall be in the City of Manila, Philippines.

SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued; to hold such real and personal estate as shall be necessary for corporate purposes, and to receive real and personal property by gift, devise, or bequest; to adopt a seal; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the City of Manila and in the several provinces, cities, municipalities, and barrios of the Philippines; to make and adopt by-laws, which shall be submitted to the approval of the Commissioner on Health and Public Welfare, and generally to do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for the election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and promote the purposes of said corporation.

SEC. 3. The purposes of this organization is to help girls from seven to eighteen years of age to realize the ideals of womanhood, as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and service to the community and in the realization of this purpose the corporation shall be the directing and coordinating head of the Girl Scout Movement in the Philippines, and shall fix and maintain standards for the movement which will inspire the rising generation with the highest ideals of citizenship, character, conduct, and attainment.

SEC. 4. The Girl Scout Corporation is non-sectarian and non-political but its units shall willingly cooperate with educational and other groups whose ideals and procedure are in accord with those conferred or authorized by this Act.

SEC. 5. The governing body of the said corporation shall consist of an executive board composed of residents of the Philippines. The number, qualifications, and terms of office of members of the executive board shall be prescribed by the by-laws. The persons mentioned in section one of this Act shall constitute the first executive board and shall serve until their successors are elected and have qualified. Vacancies in the executive board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members thereof. The by-laws may prescribe the number of members of the executive board necessary to constitute a quorum of the board, which number may be less than a majority of the whole number of the board. The executive board shall have power to make and to amend the by-laws, and, by a two thirds vote of the