

[Commonwealth Act No. 591, August 19, 1940]

AN ACT TO CREATE A BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS, TO CONSOLIDATE STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT THEREIN.

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. A Bureau of the Census and Statistics is created.

SEC. 2. The powers, functions, and duties of the Bureau of the Census and Statistics shall be as follows:

- a. To collect by enumeration, sampling or other methods, statistics and other information concerning population, agricultural conditions, the area and production of crops, the number of livestock, the production of livestock products, exports, imports, commerce, industrial and commercial enterprises, prices, employment wages, stocks of commodities, agricultural and other properties, social and economic institutions, and such other statistics as the President of the Philippines by executive order may direct;
- b. to compile and classify all such statistical data and information and to publish the same for the use of the Government and the people;
- c. To prepare for and undertake all censuses of population, agriculture, industry and commerce;
- d. To conduct, for statistical purposes, investigations and studies of social and economic problems and conditions;
- e. To compile and classify statistical and other data for other branches and dependencies of the Government, upon the approval of the President of the Philippines
- f. To carry out and administer the provisions of Act Numbered Thirty-seven hundred and fifty-three, entitled "An Act to Establish A Civil Register";
- g. To make and publish, from time to time, estimates of population, agricultural production, income, and number of livestock.

SEC. 3. The collection of data and information prescribed in section two may be secured by the mailing or delivery of the necessary questionnaire or form and explanatory matter to the persons best qualified to furnish such data or information and in which case the proprietor, official, Government official or employee, partner, director or legal representative to whom such questionnaire or form is mailed or delivered shall be required to accomplish such questionnaire or form personally or cause the same to be accomplished by his duly authorized agent or representative. Any person who fails or refuses to accomplish, mail or deliver such questionnaire or form received by him to the Bureau of the Census and Statistics within thirty days of its receipt by him; or any person who, in accomplishing any such questionnaire or form, knowingly gives data or information which shall prove to be materially untrue in any particular; or any person who signs such questionnaire or form after it has been accomplished in the knowledge that it is untrue in any particular shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than six hundred pesos or by