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EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the last session of Congress, the bill entitled "The Medical Act of 1957" was passed, but unfortunately the President of the Philippines vetoed it in view of some objectionable features thereof.

In the preparation of the present bill, necessary changes were made to remove the objectionable features of the previous bill and at the same time improve or remove the obsolete provisions of the old medical law in the Revised Administrative Code.

There is no question that the present proposed Medical Law will ultimately raise the standards of medical education and of the medical profession in the Philippines and give more power to the Board of Medical Examiners to punish not only the unethical medical practitioners but also the illegal practitioners, quacks and charlatans.

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THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 ARTICLE I.—*Objectives and Implementation*

2 SECTION 1. *Objectives.*—This Act provides for and shall
3 govern (a) the standardization and regulation of medical
4 education; (b) the examination for registration of phy-
5 sicians; and (c) the supervision, control and regulation
6 of the practice of medicine in the Philippines.

7 SEC. 2. *Enforcement.*—For the purpose of implementing
8 the provisions of this Act, there are created the following
9 agencies: the Board of Medical Education under the
10 Department of Education, and the Board of Medical Exam-
11 iners under the Commissioner of Civil Service.

1 (a) To determine and prescribe minimum requirements
2 for admission into a recognized college of medicine;

3 (b) To determine and prescribe requirements for mini-
4 mum physical facilities of colleges of medicine, to wit:
5 buildings, including hospitals, equipment and supplies,
6 apparatus, instruments, appliances, laboratories, bed capac-
7 ity for instruction purposes, operating and delivery rooms,
8 facilities for out-patient services, and others, used for
9 didactic and practical instructions in accordance with mod-
10 ern trends;

11 (c) To determine and prescribe the minimum number
12 and the minimum qualifications of teaching personnel,
13 including student-teacher ratio and curriculum;

14 (d) To select, determine and approve hospitals or some
15 departments of the hospitals for training which comply
16 with the minimum specific physical facilities as provided
17 in subparagraph (b) hereof; and

18 (e) To promulgate and prescribe and enforce necessary
19 rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
20 the foregoing functions.

21 SEC. 6. *Minimum required courses.*—Students seeking
22 admission to the medical course must have a bachelor of
23 science or bachelor of arts degree or their equivalent and
24 must have taken in four years the following subjects with
25 their corresponding number of units:

| | | <i>Unit</i> |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | English | 12 |
| 2 | Latin | 3 |
| 3 | Mathematics, including Accounting and | |
| 4 | Statistics | 9 |
| 5 | Philosophy, including Psychology and | |
| 6 | Logic | 12 |
| 7 | Zoology and Botany | 15 |
| 8 | Physics | 8 |
| 9 | Chemistry | 21 |
| 10 | Humanities and Social Sciences | 12 |
| 11 | Library Science | 1 |

12 Twelve units of Spanish shall be required pursuant to
 13 Republic Act Numbered Seven hundred nine; but com-
 14 mencing with the academic year nineteen hundred sixty
 15 to nineteen hundred sixty-one, twenty-four units of Spanish
 16 shall be required pursuant to Republic Act Numbered
 17 Eighteen hundred and eighty-one as cultural, social and
 18 nationalistic studies.

19 *Provided*, That the following students may be permitted
 20 to complete the aforesaid preparatory medical course in
 21 shorter periods as follows:

22 (a) Students whose general average is below eighty-
 23 five per cent but without any grade of failure or condition

1 may be allowed to pursue and finish the course in three
2 academic years and the intervening summer sessions; and

3 (b) Students whose general average is eighty-five per
4 cent or over may be permitted to finish the course in three
5 academic years by allowing them to take each semester
6 the overload permitted to bright students under existing
7 regulations of the Bureau of Private Schools.

8 *Provided*, That upon failure to maintain the general
9 average of eighty-five per cent, students under (b) shall
10 automatically revert to the category of students under (a)
11 and those under (a) shall automatically revert to the cate-
12 gory of students required to pursue the preparatory course
13 in four years mentioned above.

14 The medical course shall be at least five years, includ-
15 ing not less than eleven rotating internship in an approved
16 hospital, and shall consist of the following subjects:

- 17 Anatomy
- 18 Physiology
- 19 Biochemistry and Nutrition
- 20 Pharmacology
- 21 Microbiology
- 22 Parasitology
- 23 Medicine and Therapeutics
- 24 Gynecology

- 1 Ophthalmology, Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology
- 2 Pediatrics
- 3 Obstetrics
- 4 Surgery
- 5 Preventive Medicine and Public Health
- 6 Legal Medicine, including Medical Jurisprudence
- 7 and Ethics.

8 SEC. 7. *Admission requirements.*—The medical college
9 may admit any student to its first year class who has not
10 been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction of
11 any offense involving moral turpitude, and who presents
12 (a) a certificate showing completion of a standard high
13 school course, (b) a record showing completion of a stand-
14 ard preparatory medical course as herein provided, (c) a
15 certificate of registration as medical student, (d) a certifi-
16 cate of good moral character issued by two former pro-
17 fessors in the pre-medicine course, and (e) birth certificate
18 and marriage certificate, if any. Nothing in this Act shall
19 be construed to inhibit any college of medicine from es-
20 tablishing, in addition to the preceding, other entrance
21 requirements that may be deemed admissible.

22 For the purposes of this Act, the term "College of
23 Medicine" shall mean to include faculty of medicine,
24 institute of medicine, school of medicine or other similar

1 institution offering a complete medical course leading to
2 the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent.

3 Every college of medicine must keep a complete record
4 of enrollment, grades and turnover, and must publish each
5 year a catalogue giving the following information:

- 6 1. Date of publication
- 7 2. Calendar for the academic year
- 8 3. Faculty roll indicating whether on full time part
9 time basis
- 10 4. Requirements of admission
- 11 5. Grading system
- 12 6. Requirements for promotion
- 13 7. Requirements for graduation
- 14 8. Medical hours per academic year by departments
- 15 9. Schedule hours per academic year by departments
- 16 10. Number of students enrolled in each class.

17 **ARTICLE III.—*The Board of Medical Examiners;***

18 *Registration of Physicians*

19 **SEC. 8. *Pre-requisite to the practice of medicine.***—No
20 person shall engage in the practice of medicine in the Phil-
21 ippines unless he has satisfactorily passed the correspond-
22 ing Board Examination and is a holder of a valid Certificate
23 of Registration duly issued to him by the Board of Medical
24 Examiners.

1 SEC. 9. *Candidates for board examinations.*—Candidates
2 for Board examinations shall have the following qualifica-
3 tions:

- 4 (1) He shall be a citizen of the Philippines or a citizen
5 of any foreign country who has submitted com-
6 petent and conclusive documentary evidence,
7 confirmed by the Department of Foreign Affairs,
8 showing that this country's existing laws permit
9 citizens of the Philippines to practice medicine
10 under the same rules and regulations governing
11 citizens thereof, provided that there is an equal
12 number of Filipino physicians in actual practice
13 in that particular country.
- 14 (2) He shall not be less than twenty-one years of
15 age;
- 16 (3) He shall be of good moral character, showing
17 for this purpose certificate of civil status;
- 18 (4) He shall be of sound mind;
- 19 (5) He shall not have been convicted by a court of
20 competent jurisdiction of any offense involving
21 moral turpitude; and
- 22 (6) He shall be a holder of the degree of Doctor of
23 Medicine or its equivalent, conferred by a col-
24 lege of medicine duly recognized by the Depart-
25 ment of Education.

1 SEC. 10. *Acts constituting practice of medicine.*—A per-
2 son shall be considered as engaged in the practice of
3 medicine (a) who shall, for compensation, fee, salary or
4 reward in any form, paid to him directly or through an-
5 other, or even without the same, physically examine any
6 person, and diagnose, treat, operate or prescribe any re-
7 medy for any human disease, injury, deformity, physical,
8 mental or physical condition or any ailment, real or ima-
9 ginary, regardless of the nature of the remedy or treat-
10 ment administered, prescribed or recommended; or (b) who
11 shall, by means of signs, cards, advertisements, written or
12 printed matter, or through the radio, television or any
13 other means of communication, either offer or undertake
14 by any means or method to diagnose, treat, operate or
15 prescribe any remedy for any human disease, injury, de-
16 formity, physical, mental or physical condition; or (c) who
17 shall use the title M.D. after his name.

18 SEC. 11. *Exemptions.*—The preceding section shall not
19 be construed to affect (a) any medical student duly en-
20 rolled in an approved medical college or school under
21 training, serving without any professional fee in any gov-
22 ernment or private hospital, provided that he renders such
23 service under the direct supervision and control of a regis-
24 tered physician; (b) any legally registered dentist engaged

1 exclusively in the practice of dentistry; (c) any duly reg-
2 istered masseur or physiotherapist, provided that he applies
3 massage or other physical means upon written order or
4 prescription of a duly registered physician, or provided
5 that such application of massage or physical means shall
6 be limited to physical or muscular development; (d) any
7 duly registered optometrist who mechanically fits or sells
8 lenses, artificial eyes, limbs or other similar appliances or
9 who is engaged in the mechanical examination of eyes for
10 the purpose of constructing or adjusting eye glasses, spec-
11 tacles and lenses; (e) any person who renders any service
12 gratuitously in cases of emergency, or in places where the
13 services of a duly registered physician, nurse or midwife
14 are not available; (f) any person who administers or rec-
15 ommends any household remedy as per classification of
16 existing Pharmacy Laws; and (g) any psychologist or
17 mental hygienist in the performance of his duties, provided
18 such performance is done in conjunction with a duly reg-
19 istered physician.

20 SEC. 12. *Limited practice without any certificate of reg-*
21 *istration.*—Certificates of registration shall not be required
22 of the following persons:

23 (a) Physicians and surgeons from other countries called
24 in consultation only and exclusively in specific and definite

1 cases, or those attached to international bodies or organ-
2 izations assigned to perform certain definite work in the
3 Philippines, provided they shall limit their practice to the
4 specific work assigned to them and provided further they
5 shall secure a previous authorization from the Board of
6 Medical Examiners.

7 (b) Commissioned medical officers of the United States
8 Armed Forces stationed in the Philippines while rendering
9 service as such only for the members of the said Armed
10 Forces and within the limit of their own respective ter-
11 ritorial jurisdiction.

12 (c) Foreign physicians employed as exchange profes-
13 sors in special branches of medicine or surgery whose
14 service may, in the discretion of the Board of Medical
15 Education, be necessary.

16 (d) Medical students who have completed the first four
17 years of medical course, graduates of medicine and reg-
18 istered nurses who may be given limited and special
19 authorization by the Secretary of Health to render medical
20 services during epidemics or national emergencies when-
21 ever the services of duly registered physicians are not
22 available. Such authorization shall automatically cease
23 when the epidemic or national emergency is declared ter-
24 minated by the Secretary of Health.

1 SEC. 13. *The Board of Medical Examiners, its compo-*
2 *sition and duties.*—The Board of Medical Examiners shall
3 be composed of six members to be appointed by the Pres-
4 ident of the Philippines from a confidential list of not more
5 than twelve names approved and submitted by the executive
6 council of the Philippine Medical Association, after due
7 consultation with other medical associations, during the
8 months of April and October of each year. The Chair-
9 man of the Board shall be elected from among themselves
10 by the members at a meeting called for the purpose. The
11 President of the Philippines shall fill any vacancy that
12 may occur during any examination from the list of names
13 submitted by the Philippine Medical Association in accord-
14 ance with the provisions of this Act.

15 No examiner shall handle the examinations in more than
16 four subjects or groups of subjects as hereinafter provided.
17 The distribution of subjects to each member shall be agreed
18 upon at a meeting called by the Chairman for the pur-
19 pose. The examination papers shall be under the custody
20 of the Commissioner of Civil Service or his duly authorized
21 representative, and shall be distributed to each member
22 of the Board who shall correct, grade, and sign, and
23 submit them to the said Commissioner within one hundred
24 twenty days from the date of the termination of the
25 examinations.

1 A final meeting of the Board for the deliberation and
2 approval of the grades shall be called by the Commissioner
3 of Civil Service immediately after receipt of the records
4 from the members of the Board of Medical Examiners.
5 The secretary of the Board shall submit to the President
6 of the Philippines for approval the names of the successful
7 candidates as having been duly qualified for licensure in
8 alphabetical order, without stating the ratings obtained
9 by each.

10 SEC. 14. *Qualifications of examiners.*—No person shall
11 be appointed a member of the Board of Medical Examiners
12 unless he (1) is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines,
13 (2) is a duly registered physician in the Philippines, (3)
14 has been in the practice of medicine for at least ten years,
15 (4) is of good moral character and of recognized standing
16 in the medical profession, (5) is not a member of the
17 faculty of any medical school and has no pecuniary in-
18 terest, directly or indirectly, in any college of medicine
19 or in any institution where any branch of medicine is
20 taught, at the time of his appointment: *Provided*, That
21 of the six members to be appointed, not more than two
22 shall be graduates of the same institution and not more
23 than three shall be government physicians.

24 SEC. 15. *Tenure of office and compensation of members.*—
25 The members of the Board of Medical Examiners shall

1 hold office for one year: *Provided*, That any member may
2 be reappointed for not more than one year. Each member
3 shall receive as compensation ten pesos for each candidate
4 examined for registration as physician, and five pesos for
5 each candidate examined in the preliminary or final
6 physician examination.

7 The President of the Philippines, upon the recommenda-
8 tion of the Commissioner of Civil Service, after due in-
9 vestigation, may remove any member of the Board of
10 Medical Examiners for neglect of duty, incompetency, or
11 unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

12 *SEC. 16. Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board.—*
13 The secretary of the Boards of Examiners appointed in
14 accordance with section ten of Act Numbered Four thousand
15 seven, as amended, shall also be the secretary of the Board
16 of Medical Examiners, who shall keep all the records,
17 including examination papers, and the minutes of the
18 deliberations of the Board. He shall also keep a register
19 of all persons to whom certificates of registration has been
20 granted; set forth the name, sex, age, and place of birth
21 of each, place of business, post office address, the name of
22 the medical college or university from which he graduated
23 or in which he had studied, together with time spent in
24 the study of the profession elsewhere, the name of the

1 country where the institution is located which had granted
2 to him the degree or certificate of attendance upon clinic
3 and all lectures in medicine and surgery, and all other
4 degrees granted to him from institutions of learning. He
5 shall keep an up-to-date registration book of all duly
6 registered physicians in the Philippines. He shall furnish
7 copies of all examination questions and ratings in each
8 subject of the respective candidates in the physicians exami-
9 nation, one month after the release of the list of successful
10 examinees, to the deans of the different colleges of medicine
11 exclusively for the information and guidance of the facul-
12 ties thereof. This report shall be considered as restricted
13 information. Any school which violates this rule shall
14 be deprived of such privilege. The Secretary of the Board
15 shall likewise keep a record of all registered medical
16 students. He shall keep all the records and proceedings,
17 and issue and receive all papers in connection with any
18 and all complaints presented to the Board.

19 *SEC. 17. Rules and regulations.*—The Board of Medical
20 Examiners, with the approval of the Commissioner of
21 Civil Service, shall promulgate such rules and regulations
22 as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the exam-
23 inations, correction of examination papers, and registra-
24 tion of physicians. The Commissioner shall supervise

1 each Board examination and enforce the said rules and
 2 regulations. These rules and regulations shall take effect
 3 fifteen days after the date of their publication in the
 4 *Official Gazette* and shall not be changed within sixty days
 5 immediately before any examination. Such rules and reg-
 6 ulations shall be printed and distributed for the informa-
 7 tion and guidance of all concerned.

8 SEC. 18. *Dates of examinations.*—The Board of Medical
 9 Examiners shall give examinations for the registration of
 10 physicians, one in May and one in November every year,
 11 in the City of Manila or any of its suburbs after giving
 12 not less than ten days' notice to each candidate who had
 13 filed his name and address with the Secretary of the Board.

14 SEC. 19. *Fees.*—The secretary of the Board, under the
 15 supervision of the Commissioner of Civil Service, shall
 16 collect from each candidate the following fees:

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 17 | For registration as medical student | P5.00 |
| 18 | For complete physician examination | 75.00 |
| 19 | For preliminary or final examination.. | 40.00 |
| 20 | For registration as physician | 20.00 |

21 All fees paid as provided herein shall accrue to the
 22 funds of the Board of Medical Examiners and be expended
 23 for the payment of the compensation of the members
 24 thereof. No fees other than those provided herein shall
 25 be paid to the Board.

1 SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration, grounds*
2 *for refusal of same.*—The Commissioner of Civil Service
3 and the secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners shall
4 sign jointly and issue certificates of registration to those
5 who have satisfactorily complied with the requirements of
6 the Board. They shall not issue a certificate of registration
7 to any candidate who has been convicted by a court of
8 competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving
9 moral turpitude, or has been found guilty of immoral or
10 dishonorable conduct after due investigation by the Board
11 of Medical Examiners, or has been declared to be of un-
12 sound mind.

13 SEC. 21. *Scope of examination.*—The examination for
14 the registration of physicians shall consist of the following
15 subjects: (1) Anatomy and Histology, (2) Physiology, (3)
16 Biochemistry, (4) Microbiology and Parasitology, (5)
17 Pharmacology and Therapeutics, (6) Pathology, (7) Medi-
18 cine, (8) Obstetrics and Gynecology, (9) Pediatrics and
19 Nutrition, (10) Surgery and Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology
20 and Rhinology, (11) Preventive Medicine and Public
21 Health, and (12) Legal Medicine, Ethics and Medical
22 Jurisprudence: *Provided, however,* That the examination
23 questions in each subject or group of subjects shall at least
24 be ten in number: *Provided, further,* That the examination
25 questions in Medicine shall include at least three from the

1 following branches: Infectious diseases, Neurology, Derma-
2 tology, Allergy, Endocrinology and Cardio-Vascular dis-
3 eases: *Provided, finally,* That the examination questions
4 in Surgery shall include at least four questions from the
5 following: Ophthalmology, Otology, Rhinology, Laryngology,
6 Orthopedic Surgery and Anesthesiology.

7 The questions shall be the same for all applicants. All
8 answers must be written either in English or Spanish.
9 No name of the examinee shall appear in the examination
10 paper but the examiners shall devise a system whereby
11 each applicant can be identified by number only.

12 In order that a candidate may be deemed to have passed
13 his examination successfully he must have obtained a
14 general average of seventy-five per cent without a grade
15 lower than sixty-five per cent in Medicine, Pediatrics and
16 Nutrition, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Preventive Medi-
17 cine and Public Health, and no grade lower than fifty per
18 cent in the rest of the subjects.

19 The preliminary examinations shall comprise of the
20 following subjects:

- 21 (1) Gross Anatomy and Histology
- 22 (2) Physiology
- 23 (3) Biochemistry
- 24 (4) Microbiology and Parasitology

1 SEC. 22. *Administrative investigations.*—In addition to
2 the functions provided for in the preceding sections, the
3 Board of Medical Examiners shall perform the following
4 duties: (1) to administer oath to physicians who qualified
5 in the examination; (2) to study the conditions affecting
6 the practice of medicine in all parts of the Philippines;
7 (3) to exercise the powers conferred upon it by this article
8 with the view of maintaining the ethical and professional
9 standards of the medical profession; (4) to *subpoena* or
10 *subpoena duces tecum*, witnesses for all purposes required
11 in the discharge of its duties; and (5) to promulgate, with
12 the approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service, such
13 rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the
14 performance of its duties in harmony with the provisions
15 of this Act and necessary for the proper practice of
16 medicine in the Philippines.

17 Administrative investigations may be conducted by not
18 less than four members of the Board of Medical Exam-
19 iners; otherwise the proceedings shall be considered void.
20 The existing rules of evidence shall be observed during
21 all administrative investigations. The Board may dis-
22 approve applications for examination or registration,
23 reprimand erring physicians, or suspend or revoke reg-

1 istration certificates, if the respondents are found guilty
2 after due investigations.

3 SEC. 23. *Procedure and rules.*—Within five days after
4 the filing of written charges under oath, the respondent
5 physician shall be furnished a copy thereof, without re-
6 quiring him or her to answer the same, and the Board
7 shall conduct the investigation within five days after the
8 receipt of such copy by the respondent. The investigation
9 shall be completed as soon as practicable.

10 SEC. 24. *Grounds for reprimand, suspension or revoca-*
11 *tion of registration certificate.*—Any of the following
12 shall be sufficient ground for reprimanding a physician,
13 or for suspending or revoking a certificate of registration
14 as physician:

15 (1) Conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of
16 any criminal offense involving moral turpitude;

17 (2) Immoral or dishonorable conduct;

18 (3) Insanity;

19 (4) Fraud in the acquisition of the certificate of regis-
20 tration;

21 (5) Gross negligence, ignorance or incompetence in the
22 practice of his or her profession resulting in an injury
23 to or death of the patient;

1 (6) Addiction to alcoholic beverages or to any habit-
2 forming drug rendering him or her incompetent to practice
3 his or her profession;

4 (7) False or extravagant or unethical advertisements
5 wherein other things than his name, profession, limitation
6 of practice, clinic hours, office and home address, are men-
7 tioned. Advertising by the respondent for the purpose
8 of enhancing his prestige and increasing his clientele, of
9 postgraduate studies or the possession of special certifi-
10 cates or degrees from colleges or clinics where post-
11 graduate work was pursued, or of previous service or
12 experience in any institution, governmental or otherwise;
13 mention of allegedly unusual or special technique in treat-
14 ment; publication of duly identified photographs showing
15 the respondent in action; and the enumeration of different
16 diseases or modes of treatment thereof or guaranteeing
17 or warranting operations or cure of any disease, shall be
18 considered as unethical advertisements.

19 (8) Performance of or aiding in any criminal abortion;

20 (9) Knowingly issuing any false medical certificate;

21 (10) Issuing any statement or spreading any news or
22 rumor which is derogatory to the character and reputation
23 of another physician without justifiable motive;

1 (11) Aiding or acting as a dummy of an unqualified or
2 unregistered person to practise medicine;

3 (12) Violation of any provision of the Code of Ethics as
4 approved by the Philippine Medical Association.

5 Refusal of a physician to attend a patient in danger
6 of death is not a sufficient ground for revocation or sus-
7 pension of his registration certificate if there is a risk
8 to the physician's life.

9 SEC. 25. *Rights of respondents.*—The respondent physi-
10 cian shall be entitled to be represented by counsel or be
11 heard by himself or herself, to have a speedy and public
12 hearing, to confront and to cross-examine witnesses
13 against him or her, and to all other rights guaranteed by
14 the Constitution and provided for in the Rules of Court.

15 SEC. 26. *Appeal from judgment.*—The decision of the
16 Board of Medical Examiners shall automatically become
17 final thirty days after the date of its promulgation unless
18 the respondent, during the same period, has appealed to
19 the Commissioner of Civil Service and later to the Office
20 of the President of the Philippines. If the final decision
21 is not satisfactory, the respondent may ask for a review of
22 the case, or may file in court a petition for certiorari.

23 SEC. 27. *Reinstatement.*—After five years, the Board
24 may order the reinstatement of any physician whose cer-

1 tificate of registration has been revoked, if the respondent
2 has acted in an exemplary manner in the community
3 wherein he resides and has not committed any illegal, im-
4 moral or dishonorable act.

5 ARTICLE IV.—*Penal and Other Provisions*

6 SEC. 28. *Penalties.*—Any person found guilty of “illegal
7 practice of medicine” shall be punished by a fine of not
8 less than one thousand pesos nor more than ten thousand
9 pesos with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency,
10 or by imprisonment or not less than one year nor more
11 than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment,
12 in the discretion of the court.

13 SEC. 29. *Injunctions.*—The Board of Medical Examiners
14 may file an action to enjoin any person illegally practicing
15 medicine from the performance of any act constituting
16 practice of medicine if the case so warrants until the
17 necessary certificate therefor is secured. Any such per-
18 son who, after having been so enjoined, continues in the
19 illegal practice of medicine shall be punished for contempt
20 of court. The said injunction shall not relieve the person
21 practicing medicine without certificate of registration
22 from criminal prosecution and punishment as provided
23 in the preceding section.

1 SEC. 30. *Appropriation.*—To carry out the provisions of
2 this Act, there is hereby appropriated, out of any funds
3 in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the
4 sum of twenty thousand pesos.

5 SEC. 31. *Repealing clause.*—All Acts, executive orders,
6 administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts
7 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
8 repealed or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 32. *Effectivity.*—This Act shall take effect upon its
10 approval: *Provided*, That if it is approved during the time
11 when examinations for physicians are held, it shall take
12 effect immediately after the said examinations: *Provided*,
13 *further*, That section six of this Act shall take effect at
14 the beginning of the academic year nineteen hundred sixty
15 to nineteen hundred sixty-one, and the first paragraph of
16 section seven shall take effect four years thereafter.

Approved,

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