

ORDINANCE REQUIRING OWNERS AND/OR MANAGERS OF ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING THE SERVICES OF ENTERTAINERS, HOSPITALITY GIRLS, WAITRESSES AND OTHER SIMILAR EMPLOYEES, TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF A QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN WHO SHALL PERFORM SPECIFIC DUTIES PRESCRIBED HEREIN, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. Owners and/or managers of establishments employing the services of entertainers, hospitality girls, waitresses and other similar employees, except those employing purely office girls, cashiers, cooks, janitresses and other similar employees not directly in contact with customers, are hereby required to engage the services of a qualified physician who shall enforce and observe all health rules and regulations to insure the good health and physical well-being of said employees in their respective establishment and to make sure that said employees possess the required licenses and health certificates.

SEC. 2. Physicians whose services may be engaged by said establishments must be those registered and approved by the Office of the City Health Officer who shall take the necessary steps in screening the qualifications of the physicians, field of specialty, length of experience and practice, competency, and above all the presence of adequate laboratory facilities for diagnostic tests and treatment of VD. Once found to meet all the above requirements and issued the corresponding permit and/or certification, these physicians shall be under the control and supervision of the Office of the Health Officer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the physicians mentioned in the preceding section to conduct bi-weekly medical examinations of all female employees working in their respective establishments, to issue medical certificate showing clearly and positively on whether or not the employee examined is free from venereal diseases and/or contagious or communicable diseases. In case of positive findings, the physician shall immediately recommend the confinement, if necessary, or the proper treatment of the afflicted employee at any recognized hospital or clinic which may hereinafter be authorized by the Mayor or by law, for such number of days as may be necessary depending upon the gravity of the infection. The expenses for the treatment of the infected employee shall be borne by the owner and/or manager of the establishment. No afflicted employee shall be allowed to continue working and her health certificate shall be withheld until full recovery or complete treatment, which fact, including the withholding of the health certificate, shall be certified by the said physician.

SEC. 4. Once an employee is infected, she must be confined and the physician must notify the owner and/or manager of the firm of positive findings of such employee, furnishing a copy thereof the City Health Officer which shall contain the name of the establishment, the name of the infected employee, the date when the findings were made and after which the City Health Officer shall send his representative to the establishment and if despite due notice the establishment is found to allow the infected girl or employee to work, shall recommend the immediate closure of the establishment involved.

SEC. 5. To further attain the purpose of this ordinance, the following offices are hereby created in the Ospital ng Maynila or in any other hospital or clinic which may herein after be established by the Mayor or by law.

a). Telephone counselling and referral service which shall

be manned by medical students being trained on V.D. control in compliance with their YCAP subject. It shall be the duty of these offices (1) to give information to anybody seeking assistance in the detection and prevention of V.D. cases and (2) to provide an up-to-date listing of competent physician with up-to-date diagnostic and treatment facilities.

b). Special night V.D. clinic whose facilities may be availed of at nighttime by the afflicted employee, MMP operatives and/or any other police agencies in Manila, local or national, referring afflicted employee for examination on suspected V.D. infection.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the physicians mentioned in the preceding sections to submit a weekly report, for review and verification, to the City Health Officer and to the Office of the Mayor stating the progress of their weekly medical examinations, specifying the number of afflicted employees and those who have fully recovered.

SEC. 7. Establishments mentioned in Section 1 hereof shall strictly comply with the provisions of existing ordinances with respect to the employment of entertainers, hospitality girls, waitresses and similar employees, and any of this establishment who shall be found repeatedly violating any of the provisions of this ordinance for three (3) or more times shall, upon order of the Mayor, be closed and its Mayor's Permit and Municipal License cancelled.

SEC. 8. The City Health Officer is empowered to issue implementing rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 9. Any person mentioned in the preceding sections and any owner and/or manager of the aforesaid establishments who shall connive with each other in giving false certificate and/or false report, or who shall be found violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (P50.00) pesos but not more than two hundred (P200.00) pesos and/or imprisonment of not less than two (2) months but not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court, provided that in case of a juridical person, the president or manager thereof shall be held liable.

SEC. 10. Any existing ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are deemed amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Originally enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila on May 2, 1974; vetoed by His Honor, the Mayor on June 4, 1974 and repassed with amendments by said Body at its regular session today, February 13, 1975.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on

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