

(H. B. 1936)

(No. 28-2011)

(Approved March 7, 2011)

AN ACT

To amend subsection (j) of Section 4 of Act No. 77 of June 19, 1979, as amended, known as the “Federal Affairs Administration of Puerto Rico Act,” in order to delegate the responsibility of promoting the full inclusion of Puerto Rico in all national statistics produced by agencies of the Federal Government and non-governmental organisms to such Agency so as to have measurement mechanisms for comparing the development of the Island with the rest of the states of the United States.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The Federal Affairs Administration of Puerto Rico was created in order to represent the Government of Puerto Rico, its agencies, and municipalities in the Federal, state, and local governments, as well as in public and private entities in the United States.

As part of those responsibilities, the Agency has, among others, the function of preparing and presenting testimony before the branches of the Federal Government, in coordination with the Governor and the Government of Puerto Rico, its agencies, and municipalities; cooperate with the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington in the discharge of his/her duties; advise Federal government branches by providing official interpretations of the public policy of the Government of Puerto Rico, as requested; assist in developing and updating electronic data systems related to the participation of the Government of Puerto Rico, its agencies, and municipalities in various Federal programs; develop information and news programs about Puerto Rico for broadcast across the United States; promote cultural, scientific, economic, civic, and other activities in the

United States to raise awareness about and enhance the image of the people of Puerto Rico; establish and maintain communication with local and national groups and Hispanic organizations in communities across the United States; and render legal services to the Governor, the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington, the Government of Puerto Rico, and its agencies and municipalities.

Based on such important functions, the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico deems it appropriate to amend the “Federal Affairs Administration of Puerto Rico Act” in order to promote the full inclusion of Puerto Rico in all national statistics produced by Federal Government agencies and non-governmental organizations. With this practice, we believe we would have measurement mechanisms to compare the development of the Island with the rest of the states of the United States.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Subsection (j) of Section 4 of Act No. 77 of June 19, 1979, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4.- Functions of the Administration.-

The Administration shall perform any functions that are necessary and convenient to carry out and execute the purposes and provisions of this Act, including, but without it being understood as a limitation:

(a) ...

(j) Help develop and update electronic data systems related to the participation of the Government of Puerto Rico, its agencies and municipalities, in the different Federal Government programs. Furthermore, it shall promote the full inclusion of Puerto Rico’s statistics, as produced by the agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico, in all national statistics produced by agencies of the Federal Government and non-governmental organizations in order to have measurement mechanisms that allow us to compare the development of the Island

and the performance of our population with the rest of the states of the United States. In this effort, the Administration shall receive the advice and technical support of the Statistics Institute of Puerto Rico, in accordance with the faculties delegated in Act No. 209 of August 23, 2003, as amended.

...”

Section 2.- This Act shall take effect immediately after approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 28-2011 (H. B. 1936)** of the **5th Session of the 16th Legislature** of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 14th day of March, 2014.

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