(No. 55-2018)

(Approved January 24, 2018)

AN ACT

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STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The fiscal crisis faced by Puerto Rico has prompted the Government of Puerto Rico to implement extreme control measures as well as to restructure or eliminate agencies such as the case of the Government Development Bank. Some of the initiatives taken have had or will have an adverse effect on municipal finances.

Municipalities are the closest government entities to the people; these are responsible for rendering essential services to the people on a regular basis. Municipalities oversee the environmental health, the safety, and anything that may affect the quality of life in the communities. For such reason, it is of vital importance to provide the municipalities with the necessary resources in order to keep their service programs operating.

Recognizing the importance of municipalities as the main providers of direct and essential services, this Legislative Assembly deems it necessary to identify mechanisms to offset the financial constraints caused by austerity and control measures implemented by the Government. With the approval of this Act, municipalities are provided with timely access to certain information that serves as a basis for reconciling and optimizing municipal license revenues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- A paragraph is hereby added to Section 1063.10 of Act No. 1-2011, as amended, to read as follows:

"Section 1063.10.- Annual Reconciliation Statement of Income Subject to Withholding

Any teller or withholding agent ...

The Secretary shall make available to the municipalities, by electronic means, the information contained in the annual reconciliation statements per class income filed with the Secretary, within a term not to exceed 48 business hours of the filing thereof by a teller or withholding agent."

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 55-2018 (S. B. 548) of the 2nd Regular Session of the 18th Legislative Assembly 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 20th day of September, 2019.

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