

(S. B. 1282)

(No. 71-2015)

(Approved May 29, 2015)

AN ACT

To amend Section 2 of Act No. 42-2014, known as the “Pablo Casals Museum Official Headquarters Act,” in order to empower the Musical Arts Corporation to establish branches of the Pablo Casals Museum; and for other purposes.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Act No. 42-2014, known as the “Pablo Casals Museum Official Headquarters Act,” designated the structure known as “Pabellón de las Artes,” located in the Luis A. Ferré Performing Arts Center, as the official headquarters of the Pablo Casals Museum. However, the language therein does not provide for the possibility that the Musical Arts Corporation may establish branches of the Pablo Casals Museum. This legislation seeks to expressly broaden the powers of the Musical Arts Corporation with regards to the establishment of branches of the Pablo Casals Museum. The Musical Arts Corporation is also hereby expressly empowered to enter into negotiations with any public or private entity in order to acquire, administer, or operate any of these branches. Given Pablo Casals’ prominence and international reputation, it is essential for the Musical Arts Corporation to be able to establish branches of the Pablo Casals Museum. The establishment thereof would further the achievement of the purposes set forth in the organic act of the Musical Arts Corporation, Act No. 4 of July 31, 1985, as amended, known as the “Musical Arts Corporation Act.” It would also provide an opportunity to establish points of interest outside the Metropolitan Area that could favorably impact sectors such as cultural tourism.

The Pilar Defilló House Museum, located in the city of Mayagüez, is the birthplace of Pablo Casals' mother, *Doña* Pilar Úrsula Defilló. The mayor of Mayagüez, The Hon. José Guillermo Rodríguez, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Musical Arts Corporation to temporarily make the Pilar Defilló House Museum a branch of the Pablo Casals Museum as part of the designation of Mayagüez as "American Capital of Culture 2015". Thus, this measure seeks to provide the Musical Arts Corporation with the necessary flexibility to establish permanent branches of the Pablo Casals Museum in the future.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1. – Section 2 of Act No. 42-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. – Pablo Casals Museum Official Headquarters.

The structure known as “Pabellón de las Artes,” located on the grounds of the Luis A. Ferré Performing Arts Center, is hereby designated as the official headquarters of the Pablo Casals Museum in San Juan. The Museum's ability to also manage the foyer in the first level of the Pablo Casals Symphony Hall is not excluded, so that it may become a venue for hosting cultural activities and temporary exhibitions within the mission developed therefor. To such ends, the Puerto Rico Performing Arts Center Corporation shall allow the Musical Arts Corporation, which administers the Pablo Casals Museum, full use of such facilities free of charge. The Pablo Casals Museum shall also be guaranteed involvement in matters related to the conservation of all historic material and artistic patrimony under the care of said corporations, since it is the administrative and programmatic unit specialized in the conservation and dissemination of our artistic, historic, and musical patrimony. The Performing Arts Center Corporation shall continue to be responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, and conservation of the Pablo Casals

Symphony Hall, including the area designated as the official headquarters of the Pablo Casals Museum.

Notwithstanding the headquarters herein established, the Musical Arts Corporation may establish or designate branches of the Pablo Casals Museum in Puerto Rico with the purpose of disseminating Pablo Casals' name, work, and legacy. The Musical Arts Corporation is hereby expressly authorized to enter into negotiations with any public or private entity in order to acquire, administer, or operate any branch of the Pablo Casals Museum, as appropriate, pursuant to the provisions of this Act.”

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. 71-2015 (S. B. 1282)** of the **5th Regular Session** of the **17th 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 14th day of November, 2017.

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