

Puerto Rico Reports—Pamphlets; Dispensing with Publication
(H.B. 761)

[No. 87]

[Approved May 31, 1967]

AN ACT

To dispense with the publication of the booklets containing the opinions of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico which shall form volumes 88 to 93, both inclusive, of the Puerto Rico Reports.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Under the provisions of Act No. 21 of March 6, 1912,⁹³ the Secretary of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico shall publish in loose or advance sheets—booklets—all those opinions which said Court shall expressly determine.

For the purpose of making possible a fast publication of volumes 88 to 93 of the Puerto Rico Reports, J.R. No. 32 of June 21, 1966,⁹⁴ was approved which appropriated the sum of \$90,000 so as to acquire through said Court 500 copies of each one of the volumes of the Puerto Rico Reports and 100 copies of each one of the volumes in its English version. Considering that all bound volumes of the Puerto Rico Reports referred to in the above paragraph shall be available for sale not later than December 1, 1967, it is unnecessary to incur in the additional expenses which implies the publication of the booklets containing the opinions of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico which are to appear in the volumes referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The Secretary of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico is hereby dispensed from publishing in loose or advanced sheets—booklets—the opinions of said Court which shall appear published in the volumes 88 to 93 of the Puerto Rico Reports, both inclusive.

Section 2.—This act shall take effect on the date of its approval.

Approved May 31, 1967.

⁹³ 4 L.P.R.A. § 481.

⁹⁴ Laws of Puerto Rico 1966, p. 489.

Police—Stolen, Robbed or Swindled Property; Disposition
(H.B. 765)

[No. 88]

[Approved May 31, 1967]

AN ACT

To authorize the Police Superintendent of Puerto Rico to deliver to the Secretary of the Treasury all those properties which the Police may have taken possession of as a result of their official functions and to establish the proceeding for the custody and disposal of same and to fix penalties for persons who may claim as their own objects belonging to others.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—

The Police Superintendent of Puerto Rico shall deliver to the Secretary of the Treasury, as herein provided below, all such personal properties which the Police may have taken possession of as a result of their official functions, except firearms and stolen, robbed or swindled property, connected with criminal actions pending in courts or that property which by reason of the investigation of the commission of an offense is being retained, or those personal properties whose disposal has already been provided, through another legislation. The latter may dispose of these personal properties by distributing them among the different departments, agencies and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that may need them, or by selling them in public auction and shall cover the product thereof into the general funds or by confiscating all such properties which may not be of use or cannot be sold in a public auction.

The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to adopt those rules and regulations as may be necessary and convenient for the proper carrying out of such specific functions entrusted to him by this act, from the moment in which the personal property referred to in this act is delivered to the Superintendent.

Section 2.—

For the custody and disposal of the personal property mentioned in the foregoing section, while in the hands of the Police, the following procedure shall be observed:

The Police shall keep under its custody the personal property covered by this act for a term of not less than one year, from the date in which they take possession of those properties in that center or centers where they can be examined by the public; Provided, That the perishable property or properties of limited durability shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury as soon as the Police are convinced that their owners cannot be located, and he shall dispose of same pursuant to section 1 hereof.

Any person may claim those properties and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to deliver them, provided genuine proof is produced which may credit the claimant as the legitimate owner of such properties.

The Superintendent shall inform the public, once every six months, in two newspapers of general circulation in the Island of the existence of the center or centers wherein are deposited the personal properties covered by this act.

Likewise, the Superintendent, in coordination with the mayor of each municipality wherein a deposit center for such personal property is located, shall fix, at least once every six months, on the Bulletin Board of the said Municipality a general list of such personal properties which are in the possession of the Police as included under the provisions of this act.

The Superintendent shall deliver said properties to the Secretary of the Treasury after a lapse of one year from the date in which the Police took possession of the property, not the object of investigation for the commission of a criminal offense, or after the lapse of five (5) years from the date in which the Police took possession of the stolen, robbed or swindled property which has been retained by reason that the offense committed is under investigation, without charges having been filed against any person and without their legitimate owners having appeared. It shall be the obligation of the Superintendent to prepare a descriptive list or inventory of such personal properties to be given to the Secretary of the Treasury so that the latter may dispose of same in accordance with section 1 hereof.

Section 3.—

The Police Superintendent is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the best implementation of this act with regards to the personal properties which he

has taken possession of and which are under his custody and until the moment same are delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Section 4.—

Any person who maliciously claims property and who takes possession of same as his, without belonging to him, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (10) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both penalties in the discretion of the Court.

Section 5.—

This act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

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Planning Board—Plans; Low Cost Housing

(H.B. 767)

[No. 89]

[*Approved May 31, 1967*]

AN ACT

To amend sections 3, 3-2 and 10 of Act No. 429 of April 23, 1946, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—Sections 3, 3-2 and 10 of Act No. 429 of April 23, 1946, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3.⁹⁵—General duties and functions:

It shall be the duty and function of the Permit Official and of the Bureau under his direction: to apply and see to the enforcement of all commonwealth laws and regulations governing the construction of buildings in Puerto Rico, including regulations of the Departments of Public Works and of Health, of the Puerto Rico Planning Board and of any agency of the Commonwealth Government, as well as to supply and see to the enforcement of such zoning and urban building and land-use regulations as may be adopted by the Puerto Rico Planning Board; Provided, That from

⁹⁵ 23 L.P.R.A. § 32.